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- 1 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- THE COURT: Be seated, please.
- 3 All right. Counsel, this is the time set for
- 4 pre-trial matters to be taken up with the Court in the case
- 5 of PPS Data versus Jack Henry & Associates. This is Civil
- 6 Case No. 2:18-CV-007.
- 7 Let me call for announcements at this time.
- 8 What says the Plaintiff?
- 9 MR. MADDOX: Appearances?
- 10 THE COURT: Yes, I want an announcement, who you
- 11 are and are you ready to proceed?
- MR. MADDOX: Yes, we are.
- 13 THE COURT: Give me your names.
- 14 MR. MADDOX: Steven Maddox for the Plaintiffs.
- 15 THE COURT: Introduce your co-counsel.
- 16 MR. MADDOX: Anthony Son for the Plaintiffs, Kaveh
- 17 Saba for Plaintiffs, and Matt Ruedy. We're from the firm
- 18 Maddox Edwards.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. And you're ready to
- 20 proceed with pre-trial?
- MR. MADDOX: Yes, we are.
- THE COURT: What says the Defendant?
- MR. MAZINGO: Your Honor, Jason Mazingo here on
- 24 behalf of Jack Henry & Associates, along with Jay Heidrick
- 25 and Adam Daniels, Jason Wietjes, and Randy Alexander. And

- 1 our client rep, Your Honor, today is Andy Wimmer. And we
- 2 are present and ready.
- 3 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, I have some
- 4 housekeeping matters to go over with you which I'll do in
- 5 just a moment, but as a part of those and before I go into
- 6 the typical housekeeping instructions with counsel, I have
- 7 a couple additional things that are not typical I want to
- 8 cover.
- 9 First of all, on the Plaintiff's side, it appears
- 10 that Jon Bentley Hyland appeared in this case as counsel --
- 11 co-counsel for Plaintiffs. Mr. Hyland hasn't filed
- 12 anything in the case since February. He has not withdrawn.
- 13 He either needs to appear, or he needs to withdraw. And
- 14 somebody on the Plaintiff's side needs to get a message to
- 15 him that I'll expect him at trial or I'll expect him to
- 16 withdraw formally before trial.
- 17 Can somebody on the Plaintiff's side address
- 18 Mr. Hyland's status with -- for me, please?
- 19 MR. SON: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Hyland actually
- 20 has withdrawn, and Your Honor did enter an order for his
- 21 withdrawal. I noticed -- excuse me -- I noticed that, as
- 22 well, when the Court clerk sent us an email yesterday and
- 23 saw that his name was on that email -- email address, but
- 24 in the notice of -- in the motion for withdrawal of
- 25 Mr. Vital, it included both Mr. Vital and Jon Hyland in

- 1 there.
- 2 So if they need to be filed separately, we'll
- 3 certainly file that promptly, Your Honor. But my
- 4 understanding is that both of them have been withdrawn,
- 5 Mr. Vital and Jon -- Jon Hyland.
- 6 THE COURT: Do you have a docket number reference
- 7 to that order?
- 8 MR. SON: I don't have that right with me, but I
- 9 can certainly look it up, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: All right. Well, we need to get to
- 11 the bottom of that. And if -- if I'm mistaken and he's
- 12 been formally allowed to withdraw by prior order, then I'm
- 13 satisfied, whether it's coupled with something else or
- 14 whether it's on a stand-alone basis. If for some reason
- 15 that's not correct, we need to get that taken care of
- 16 promptly.
- 17 MR. SON: We will, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Second thing, both
- 19 sides in this case have filed motions with the Court
- 20 seeking those motions and other matters to be sealed. And
- 21 the Court has ordered their sealing. The rules of this
- 22 Court require that you file a redacted public version of
- 23 those sealed documents. Nobody on either side of this case
- 24 has filed any redacted public versions of the documents
- 25 that you've asked me to seal. You'll do that by 9:00

- 1 o'clock tomorrow, or I will unseal every sealed document in
- 2 the case. All right?
- 3 Thirdly, the Defendants have not formally, that I
- 4 can see, designated lead counsel in the case. Under the
- 5 local rules, you are required -- both sides are required to
- 6 designate lead counsel formally and filing a designation of
- 7 such on the record.
- 8 You'll do that by 9:00 o'clock in the morning, or
- 9 I'll pick the youngest lawyer that's appeared, and I will
- 10 designate him as lead counsel for the Defendants, okay?
- 11 MR. MAZINGO: Understood, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. As you are aware, this
- 13 case is set for jury selection and the beginning of trial
- 14 on September 9th of this year at 9:00 a.m.
- The Court intends for the Clerk to play the FJC's
- 16 patent video to the venire panel before jury selection
- 17 begins.
- During jury selection, I'm going to afford each
- 19 side 30 minutes to examine the venire panel.
- 20 As is the typical practice in this court, of those
- 21 30 minutes, each side is afforded the option of using up to
- 22 three of their 30 minutes for a non-argumentative,
- 23 high-level factual statement of what's at issue in the
- 24 case. In other words, counsel, I -- I will permit you to
- 25 give a very high-level, barebones, non-argumentative

- 1 overview of what's before the jury or the jury panel.
- 2 If it becomes argumentative in the least, I will
- 3 call you on it in front of the panel, which is something
- 4 you don't want me to do. So make sure if you do it, that
- 5 it stays non-argumentative and very high level.
- I intend to seat eight jurors in this case, and
- 7 each side will be afforded four peremptory challenges.
- 8 Each side will be given and afforded 12 hours per
- 9 side to present your case-in-chief -- your evidence. That
- 10 does not include opening statements or closing arguments or
- 11 jury selection.
- 12 Each side will be given 30 minutes per side for
- 13 opening statements. Each side will be given 30 minutes per
- 14 side for closing arguments.
- 15 Plaintiff may reserve a portion of their 30
- 16 minutes for their final closing argument. The only
- 17 requirement there is that you must use at least 50 percent
- 18 of your total time in your first closing argument. You
- 19 can't take 30 minutes and give a two-minute opening/closing
- 20 and a 28-minute final closing. You've got to use at least
- 21 15 minutes of it in your first closing argument.
- During the course of the trial and beginning on
- 23 September the 9th, the Court will endeavor to be in
- 24 chambers by at least 7:30 each morning. It's my intention
- 25 after the jury is selected and we begin the trial to bring

- 1 the jury in each day at about 8:30. That intervening hour,
- 2 from 7:30 to 8:30, is there for counsel to use in the event
- 3 there are unresolved disputes regarding demonstratives or
- 4 other issues that arise where you can seek and obtain the
- 5 Court's guidance before I bring the jury in.
- 6 That also will maximize the effect of your
- 7 designated trial time by not wasting your time on the
- 8 record taking up issues that I can help you with from 7:30
- 9 to 8:30 each morning.
- 10 As a part of that, in your pre-trial order, you've
- 11 laid out a process by which you will disclose
- 12 demonstratives and witnesses the night before. You'll meet
- 13 and confer. And if there are unresolved disputes, you'll
- 14 notify the Court staff. And those are the things I can
- 15 take up at 7:30 with you the next morning.
- You need to make sure that my -- my staff -- my
- 17 law clerks are advised of any surviving and unresolved
- 18 disputes from that process not later than 10:00 p.m. on the
- 19 night before you come in to see me the next morning.
- Now, the fact that you've reached those disputes
- 21 and you haven't resolved them doesn't mean you don't have a
- 22 continuing obligation to continue to discuss them between
- 23 the time you notify the Court's staff and the time you show
- 24 up the next morning at 7:30.
- 25 Consequently, I've experienced several

- 1 circumstances where at 10:00 o'clock, my staff's advised
- 2 that we have six remaining disputes we can't work out. And
- 3 then everybody shows up at 7:30, and we're down to two, and
- 4 four of them have been resolved. The problem is I've spent
- 5 time looking at those four that are resolved that's been
- 6 wasted.
- 7 So what I'm going to add to your list of things to
- 8 do is by 7:00 o'clock the next morning, you should deliver
- 9 a three-ring binder to chambers that has a written
- 10 statement of where you are, what's still at issue, and the
- 11 competing proposals on any disputed issue between the two
- 12 parties. That way I'll know not to waste my time on
- 13 something that's been resolved over the remainder of the
- 14 evening.
- 15 Also, with regard to any disputed deposition
- 16 clips, designations and counter-designations, I don't
- 17 typically take those up all in advance as a part of
- 18 pre-trial. I do that on a rolling basis throughout the
- 19 trial.
- The only requirement is if you have a dispute on
- 21 designation -- excuse me, deposition designations to play
- 22 before the jury, I need to know about that dispute not
- 23 later than the day before the day you intend to present
- 24 them. I don't want to have to delay the trial because the
- 25 tape has got to be recut and edits have to be put in, and

- 1 we can't go forward with the deposition witness because of
- 2 that.
- 3 So make sure I know about any disputes on
- 4 designations and counter-designations with regard to
- 5 depositions that you're going to present to the jury not
- 6 later than the day before you're going to present them.
- 7 It's my practice, as the rules allow, to take up
- 8 any motions under Rule 50(a) after all the evidence is
- 9 presented. I won't hear motions under Rule 50(a) when the
- 10 Plaintiff rests its case-in-chief. I will hear those
- 11 motions after the Defendant has rested its case-in-chief
- 12 and the Plaintiff has rested any rebuttal case they may put
- 13 on. When all the evidence has been presented, then I'll
- 14 hear motions under Rule 50(a) from both Plaintiffs and
- 15 Defendants at one time.
- 16 After I've heard motions under Rule 50(a) and
- 17 ruled on those, I'll then conduct an informal charge
- 18 conference in chambers with counsel where we can have an
- 19 open and informal and free-flowing discussion of the
- 20 current status of the proposed final jury instructions and
- 21 verdict form where I can get complete and open input from
- 22 both sides.
- 23 Having heard that and taken that into account,
- 24 having an opportunity to query counsel about their
- 25 respective positions, I'll then take all of that

- 1 information from the informal charge conference, and I'll
- 2 generate what the Court believes to be the appropriate
- 3 final jury instructions and verdict form. I'll give you
- 4 those, and then after you've had an opportunity to review
- 5 them, I'll conduct a formal charge conference on the record
- 6 where any issues that you think are appropriate can be
- 7 raised by objection on the record.
- 8 You should understand that by the time you get
- 9 those from me in advance of the formal charge conference, I
- 10 have pretty well decided that's what I think the charge and
- 11 the verdict form should say. I'm not telling you I can't
- 12 be persuaded in the formal objections, but it's important
- 13 for me to have everybody's full input in the informal
- 14 charge conference for this process to be as efficient as it
- 15 can be.
- During the course of the trial and at any time
- 17 we're on the record, you are instructed not to refer to any
- 18 individual by first name only. That's your co-counsel,
- 19 that's your IT person, that's any witness, that's anybody
- 20 anywhere.
- 21 The Court believes that referencing individuals by
- 22 first name only on the record is inherently confusing in
- 23 the transcript, and it does not maintain the requisite
- 24 decorum necessary for a United States District Court.
- 25 Don't refer to anybody by first name only. Instruct your

- 1 witnesses to follow that same practice.
- 2 If your witnesses don't, then you'll get credit
- 3 for having not instructed them, okay?
- It's perfectly fine to use complete names. It's
- 5 perfectly fine to use appropriate titles where they've been
- 6 earned. Dr. John Smith, Mrs. Alice Jones. Just don't
- 7 refer to Alice, Jim, Bob, Sally, and Betty. That's
- 8 confusing. That's not appropriate.
- 9 I refer you to the Court's standing order on
- 10 sealing the courtroom as a means to protect proprietary and
- 11 confidential information that's going to be presented
- 12 during the course of the trial. That is my practice. It's
- 13 laid out in that standing order. You should make sure
- 14 you're familiar with that standing order.
- 15 It goes without saying you should make sure you're
- 16 familiar with all the Court's standing orders and the local
- 17 rules of this district, but in this particular instance, I
- 18 want to draw your attention to my standing order on sealing
- 19 the courtroom.
- 20 Even if there are not people in the courtroom who
- 21 would orally overhear what's going to be presented, if you
- 22 do not ask me to seal the courtroom, then the testimony is
- 23 public in the transcript, and anybody can read it. And I
- 24 do not intend to have a wide-ranging redaction process
- 25 after the trial. You protect the transcript by sealing the

- 1 courtroom or asking the Court to seal the courtroom during
- 2 the course of the trial.
- 3 The redaction process should be limited only to
- 4 such things as dates of birth, Social Security numbers,
- 5 driver's license numbers, particular personal identifiers
- 6 that might otherwise have found their way into the record.
- 7 But for the protection of proprietary and
- 8 confidential information, you should comply with the
- 9 Court's standing order on requesting that the Court seal
- 10 the courtroom.
- 11 The Court routinely allows a juror questionnaire
- 12 to be used by counsel in the case. It -- it enhances the
- 13 jury selection process and maximizes the designated time
- 14 I've given you to guery the jury panel.
- I do not find that there's been a juror
- 16 questionnaire submitted in this case. I will still permit
- 17 it, but I've checked with the deputy in charge, and she is
- 18 right at the deadline for sending out the summons to
- 19 summons our jury panel. Jury questionnaires are sent with
- 20 the summons, so when people are summonsed, they also get
- 21 the juror questionnaire, and they're instructed to fill it
- 22 out and send it back.
- 23 If you want to use a juror questionnaire in this
- 24 case, you need to give it to me by 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, so
- 25 that I can review it and approve it. And then you'll need

- 1 to coordinate with Ms. Clendening, our deputy in charge,
- 2 and make sure that she has everything she needs so that
- 3 when she sends the summons, she can send the approved juror
- 4 questionnaire with them. I'll review it promptly, but I
- 5 need to have it not later than 2:00 p.m. tomorrow if you
- 6 want me to review it and approve it before she would send
- 7 it out with the summons.
- 8 I'm going to direct and require that both sides
- 9 work together jointly to prepare 10 juror notebooks for use
- 10 during this trial. Those juror notebooks should be
- 11 comprised of simple three-ring binders which each include a
- 12 complete copy of each of the patents-in-suit. It should
- 13 include a side-by-side chart showing the actual terms that
- 14 have been construed by the Court as a part of the Markman
- 15 or claim construction process.
- I do not intend for you to include the Court's
- 17 Markman order. I do not want any analysis. I simply want
- 18 on the left-hand column the term that was at issue and in
- 19 the right-hand column the construction the Court's adopted
- 20 so that the jury can have an easy side-by-side reference in
- 21 those juror notebooks.
- 22 Also, you are to include a single page for each
- 23 possible witness in the trial, either live or by
- 24 deposition. Each witness page should have a head and
- 25 shoulders photograph of the witness superimposed at the top

- 1 of the page. Underneath the photograph should be a proper
- 2 name identifying the witness. I do not want you to
- 3 characterize the witness. For example, there should be a
- 4 page with a photograph, and it may say Dr. John Jones. It
- 5 should not say Dr. John Jones, Plaintiff's expert on
- 6 infringement or technical expert or damages expert or
- 7 whatever, just their complete name identifying them.
- 8 The remainder of those pages should be single
- 9 lined -- single-ruled lines for note taking. And those
- 10 witness pages should be tabbed with the witness's name so
- 11 that it's easy for the jury to find each respective page
- 12 when the witnesses are called.
- They're not often called in the exact order
- 14 they're put in the notebooks, so I don't want the jury
- 15 having to fumble for those witness pages.
- Then in addition to the witness pages, those
- 17 notebooks should each include a new three-hole punched
- 18 legal pad for additional note taking. And in the front
- 19 flap of each notebook, there should be a non-clicking
- 20 ballpoint pen that they can use for note taking, as well.
- Those 10 notebooks should be delivered to chambers
- 22 not later than noon on September the 5th.
- 23 All right. Are there questions about those
- 24 instructions from either Plaintiff or Defendant?
- 25 MR. MADDOX: Yes, Your Honor. With respect to

- 1 the -- the 10:00 p.m. notifying the Court of issues and the
- 2 7:00 a.m. providing the binder with the remaining issues,
- 3 the notice to the Court at or before 10:00 p.m. the night
- 4 before, what is the nature of that? Should that be --
- 5 THE COURT: That's an email.
- 6 MR. MADDOX: That's an email saying we have issues
- 7 or an email saying these are the issues?
- 8 THE COURT: It's an email that says, we've met and
- 9 conferred, the following issues are still in dispute, and
- 10 we haven't resolved them. The Plaintiff's position is A.
- 11 The Defendants' position is B. We'll update you by 7:00
- 12 o'clock as to which of these have been resolved before we
- 13 meet with you tomorrow morning.
- MR. MADDOX: Thank you.
- THE COURT: Then at 7:00 o'clock, I get a binder
- 16 that says of those six items referred to in our 10:00
- 17 o'clock email, four of them have been resolved, two remain,
- 18 those two are A and B, and the Plaintiff's position on each
- 19 is as follows, and the Defendants' position on each is as
- 20 follows.
- MR. MADDOX: Thank you.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. Any questions from
- 23 Defendants?
- MR. MAZINGO: No questions, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: All right. All right. Counsel, let's

- 1 move to the disputed pre-trial matters before the Court.
- 2 And let's first take up the 101 motion, which is
- 3 Defendants' motion for summary judgment regarding patent
- 4 ineligible subject matter. That's Docket No. 81.
- 5 Let me hear from the moving Defendant first.
- 6 MR. MAZINGO: Your Honor, Mr. Heidrick will be
- 7 offering argument on our behalf of that motion.
- 8 THE COURT: That's fine.
- 9 Let me just ask this, too. Given that we have
- 10 quite a few lawyers in the room, I understand different
- 11 ones on each trial team will argue different matters.
- 12 That's perfectly fine and typical. Just make sure when you
- 13 go to the podium, even if it's your third trip, the first
- 14 thing you do is introduce yourself for the record so it's
- 15 completely clear who's arguing what.
- MR. HEIDRICK: Yes, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Go ahead, Defendant.
- 18 MR. HEIDRICK: Thank you, Your Honor. My name is
- 19 Jay Heidrick, Polsinelli, on behalf of Jack Henry &
- 20 Associates, the Defendant.
- 21 May it please the Court.
- 22 All issues of -- all asserted claims that remain
- 23 in this case are abstract ideas that should be invalidated
- 24 under 35 U.S.C. Section 101. They're all directed to the
- 25 abstract idea of check processing which is nothing more

- 1 than collecting, comparing, organizing, storing, and
- 2 disseminating check information.
- In our briefing, we've laid out how each claim has
- 4 a central system and how each central system of each
- 5 asserted claim does nothing more than the collection,
- 6 organizing, comparing, storing of data.
- We've compared that to Claim 1 of the '430 patent,
- 8 which, again, shows the central system doing nothing more
- 9 than these routine conventional abstract ideas.
- 10 THE COURT: Well, let's talk about Step 2 of the
- 11 Mayo/Alice analysis. That's really where the fight is
- 12 here.
- MR. HEIDRICK: Okay. Do you have a question, or
- 14 do you want me to just focus on that?
- THE COURT: Let's go on to Step 2.
- 16 MR. HEIDRICK: Okay. The main issue with Step 2
- 17 is is there inventive concept. And the only thing that --
- 18 with the inventive concept that the Plaintiff has pointed
- 19 to is the bypassing function, that this was a new invention
- 20 that -- that -- because it bypasses certain systems of a
- 21 bank of first deposit on the transmission step.
- 22 That's not a sufficient structure to -- to create
- 23 a patentable idea, Your Honor. If I send you an email,
- 24 Your Honor, I have bypassed every other person in the world
- 25 simply because I've sent it directly to you. That's --

- 1 that's the claimed inventive concept.
- 2 So the fact that they have decided that we're
- 3 going to send information in a particular way is not --
- 4 is -- is not patentable because all -- that's traditional
- 5 transmission of information of sending it from one place to
- 6 another and not to any other place. That's just
- 7 transmitting data.
- 8 On the routine and conventional aspect, Your
- 9 Honor, they submit the affidavit of Dr. Michael Shamos, who
- 10 opines that this is not a routine and conventional
- 11 arrangement of components, and, therefore, it's a fact
- 12 question for the jury.
- On summary judgment, as you well know, Your Honor,
- 14 the question is where -- is there any disputed fact? There
- 15 is no disputed fact that these are routine conventional
- 16 computer components, that these are known transmission
- 17 lines, that there's nothing unique in the programming or
- 18 anything that goes along with this, that these are just
- 19 generic computer components operating in their known and
- 20 expected manner. That's all undisputed.
- 21 As far as the routine and conventional -- and
- 22 Berkheimer says this -- that if the specification says that
- 23 the claimed invention is routine and conventional, then
- 24 that is strong evidence that it was routine and
- 25 conventional at the time.

- 1 As for Dr. Shamos, Dr. Shamos does not say that
- 2 this is new technology. He doesn't say that this is a new
- 3 type of information that's being used to process checks.
- 4 He doesn't say that this is some inventive concept.
- 5 His point as to why this is not routine and
- 6 conventional and novel is that the check processing that
- 7 goes along at banks doesn't have to perform at the bank of
- 8 first deposit.
- 9 THE COURT: In contrast to the situation in the
- 10 Solutran case where the patent and the extrinsic evidence
- 11 expressly disclaimed any novelty, isn't it true that the
- 12 intrinsic record here does just the opposite and it says
- 13 that this is -- as of 2000 or the appropriate date, this is
- 14 new and novel and inventive?
- MR. HEIDRICK: I don't believe so, Your Honor. It
- 16 says that this is -- and that's where we get into
- 17 conflating 102 with 101. And if you have an improvement on
- 18 an abstract idea, it's still an abstract idea.
- So -- they may have been able to get a patent on
- 20 this as of April of 2000, but it is still utilizing known
- 21 computer components to operate in routine known ways. And
- 22 that's exactly what Dr. Shamos says in his affidavit is
- 23 he's not saying that these are new components or that
- 24 improves the functionality of a computer, he just says that
- 25 the known process of check processing is being done

- 1 somewhere else, and that's it.
- 2 And so when you look at -- so -- so the technology
- 3 of check processing, which is what this is, is the -- is
- 4 not an -- an improvement. It's the same information that's
- 5 being -- if I was to process a check by hand and look at
- 6 the check and -- and take that information -- and this is
- 7 undisputed, as well, I can process that check, as well, by
- 8 hand using -- in addition to their -- their -- the same way
- 9 that their claimed invention does, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: I want to go back a minute.
- Obviously, this Solutran decision has been to some
- 12 extent the 800-pound gorilla in the room on the 101 issue,
- 13 and the Court delayed its ruling while that case went up to
- 14 the Federal Circuit, and I've seen the Federal Circuit's
- 15 opinion.
- But in that case -- in that case, the Circuit
- 17 relied on a disclaimer in the patent saying that the steps
- 18 were conventional. But I do not find that the patents at
- 19 issue here include that kind of disclaimer as to
- 20 conventionality.
- 21 And, in fact, it seems to me that the patents at
- 22 issue here affirmatively note that this electronic check
- 23 proc -- processing functionality was unconventional at the
- 24 time the patent was issued.
- Do you not agree with that? Do you think that's

- 1 wrong?
- 2 MR. HEIDRICK: I -- I don't agree with that, Your
- 3 Honor. And because the -- the patent itself has nine pages
- 4 of prior references that detail electronic check processing
- 5 issues.
- 6 For example, the prosecution history itself talks
- 7 about the Geer reference that -- that -- that was an
- 8 initial rejection that deal with check processing issues.
- 9 The -- so the -- the issue is that it was check
- 10 processing in a different way that -- that allowed them to
- 11 get a patent on it, but it's still the abstract idea of
- 12 check processing.
- 13 And their -- and their claimed -- and their
- 14 claimed inventive concept with it is that they bypass the
- 15 various -- what I call the prohibited systems of the
- 16 asserted claims, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Now, you said that the only issue
- 18 regarding inventive concepts was the potential bypass of
- 19 the magnetic ink character recognition, the MICR. Isn't
- 20 there a potential inventive concept issue on the '106
- 21 patent regarding the real-time monitoring issue?
- MR. HEIDRICK: No, Your Honor. And the Federal
- 23 Circuit said -- the Federal Circuit has rejected that the
- 24 real-time monitoring, the comparing, those types of things
- 25 are unpatentable, as well -- as well under 101 because it

- 1 goes to the -- again, the business practice idea of
- 2 comparing data.
- 3 And we cited the Joao Bock decision with that, as
- 4 well, that -- that that was a real-time monitoring decision
- 5 that was held invalid under 101.
- 6 At the end of the day, the patents simply do
- 7 something that has been done by hand for decades and use
- 8 general computer components to do that.
- 9 And every check processing patent that has gone up
- 10 to the Federal Circuit has been invalidated under 101 with
- 11 Data Treasury, with Solutran, and with Content Extraction,
- 12 because they simply claim inventions on known abstract
- 13 ideas and improvements on known and abstract ideas. And
- 14 the Federal Circuit has repeatedly argued -- or repeatedly
- 15 held that an improvement to an abstract idea is just still
- 16 an abstract idea.
- 17 THE COURT: What else, counsel?
- MR. HEIDRICK: I would ask that the Court -- let
- 19 me check my notes, Your Honor, if I could real quick.
- THE COURT: That's fine.
- 21 MR. HEIDRICK: And I would -- I would also direct
- 22 the Court's attention to Page 5 of the Solutran decision,
- 23 Your Honor, where the Court -- and this is -- it goes to
- 24 Dr. Shamos's opinion of routine and conventional -- where
- 25 the same process is being done that has always been done

- 1 at -- at banks. The MICR capture, all the stuff that's
- 2 been done at banks, it's just being done at a different
- 3 location now. And that's -- that's the -- one of the --
- 4 the -- the advancement over prior art that he claims.
- 5 And as Solutran said in -- in a similar issue, the
- 6 location of scanning in comparison whether it occurs down
- 7 the hallway, down the street, or across the city does not
- 8 detract from the conclusion that these claims or are at
- 9 bottom directed to getting the merchant's account credited
- 10 from the customer's purchase as soon as possible --
- 11 THE COURT: If you're going to read, please
- 12 slow -- slow down.
- MR. HEIDRICK: I'm sorry.
- 14 THE COURT: Talk to me a minute about the issue of
- 15 representativeness. I think it's your position that Claim
- 16 1 of the '430 patent represents all the claims that are at
- 17 issue here.
- MR. HEIDRICK: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Tell me why you think that and what
- 20 your support for that is.
- 21 MR. HEIDRICK: We have gone through five pages of
- 22 analysis in our brief, Your Honor, where we analyzed every
- 23 claim and compared it to the '430, the reason being that
- 24 each of the claims at issue have a central system that
- 25 performs certain known functions. And we've analyzed how

- 1 each of those claims -- the asserted claims relate back to
- 2 the same claim as the '430 and perform the same abstract
- 3 idea of check processing.
- In addition to that, Your Honor, we cited to -- in
- 5 response to your question in your previous order on this
- 6 issue as to the terminal disclaimer, the effects of the
- 7 terminal disclaimers on the patent prosecution which is
- 8 undisputed and -- in the motion that those were entered in
- 9 order to overcome double patenting objections.
- We've cited to testimony of one of the inventors
- 11 who said that these are basically the same patent -- his
- 12 invention is basically the same patent. We've cited to
- 13 testimony from Plaintiff's expert who has, again, opined
- 14 that these are the same idea, the same patents.
- 15 There's going to be different -- it's -- it's
- 16 undisputed that they're going to have different claim
- 17 language in it, but all of the claims go to the same
- 18 abstract idea, the same concept of check processing or
- 19 collecting and comparing and transmitting, analyzing data.
- 20 That's a known business practice, and we've laid out
- 21 extensive evidence and argument on that, Your Honor, as to
- 22 why Claim 1 is representative as the other claims.
- THE COURT: All right. Do you have any other
- 24 argument for me?
- 25 MR. HEIDRICK: Not at this time, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Let me hear from Plaintiff in
- 2 response, please.
- 3 MR. MADDOX: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Steven
- 4 Maddox for the Plaintiffs.
- 5 THE COURT: Go ahead, counsel.
- 6 MR. MADDOX: Let's just jump in with -- with where
- 7 it all starts.
- 8 Counsel referred to Content Exhaustion [sic],
- 9 Solutran, and Data Treasury. The reason why all of those
- 10 were invalidated at the Federal Circuit lies in the claims,
- 11 which is where their motion is afraid to go on us.
- 12 When you -- take, for instance, Content
- 13 Extraction. The claim actually there is at 1348 of 776
- 14 F.3d. The claim reads: A method of processing information
- 15 from a diversity of types of hard copy documents, said
- 16 method comprising the steps of -- and it lists three --
- 17 receiving input, recognizing portions, and storing
- 18 information. That is a building block abstract idea.
- 19 That's what that claim is directed to. That should not be
- 20 patented.
- 21 Similarly, in Solutran, the answer, again, is in
- 22 the claims. This is at Star 2 in the Westlaw publication
- 23 of Solutran. The claim they were dealing with says: A
- 24 method for processing paper checks comprising, A,
- 25 electrically receiving a data file, and there's some more

- 1 language, but you'll see it there; B, crediting an account;
- 2 C, receiving paper checks; and D, using a computer to
- 3 compare images of the paper checks with the data file.
- 4 Again, that is a basic building block abstract
- 5 idea of getting data and an image and comparing it. These
- 6 are not systems, and these are not claims to improvements
- 7 in -- in automated check processing systems like ours are.
- 8 Most importantly is the state of the record on
- 9 Step 2. We have the evidence of our expert, Dr. Shamos, as
- 10 to why the claims are a non-conventional arrangement of
- 11 known conventional pieces and why figuring out a way for
- 12 multiple banks to go through a third-party site without
- 13 having to go through their -- each of their own microreader
- 14 accounting, cash management, float point systems, why that
- 15 was precisely the opposite of was conventional and routine.
- 16 What was conventional and routine was to run these checks
- 17 through everything else. In this way, what they were
- 18 claiming was a better or better performing automatic check
- 19 system.
- 20 With respect to your comments about wasn't this
- 21 unconventional, wasn't this new, you're absolutely right.
- 22 In fact, their expert -- in our briefs, we cite this --
- 23 Michalson agrees it was new because that's what the patent
- 24 examiner said. Shamos says it as well. It was new.
- Now, if he would like to split -- if -- if counsel

- 1 would like -- if -- if Jack Henry is trying to split hairs
- 2 between new and non-conventional, I would suggest that
- 3 non-conventional is a more high standard than novel or
- 4 non-obvious.
- 5 In fact, we've cited the federal case law that
- 6 says so. In order to be something that's conventional, it
- 7 needs to be something much more than just a period in the
- 8 art.
- 9 The bottom line here is you've -- we've presented
- 10 you with -- well, they've presented you with a factual
- 11 issue. They had a chance to put in some evidence on this
- 12 factual issue. They chose not to.
- 13 We did. The expert evidence before you is
- 14 unrebutted. We think on summary judgment that means it
- 15 should be denied.
- 16 We think we fit much better into -- like the
- 17 BASCOM case, which is where the non-conventional
- 18 arrangement came from, and the most recent Cellspin
- 19 case which is now a few weeks old -- I'm sorry, a little
- 20 bit more than a month old, but it was about a week old when
- 21 we filed our opposition.
- 22 And in Cellspin, what the Court concluded was --
- 23 again, similar arguments. In particular, they, the
- 24 Cellspin claims, recite a specific plausibly inventive way
- 25 of arranging devices using protocols rather than the

- 1 general idea of capturing, transferring, and publishing
- 2 data.
- 3 That's us. That's what Dr. Shamos says is us, and
- 4 that's what there's no evidence to the contrary, just
- 5 attorney argument.
- Nothing further, unless you have questions.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, twice I've asked Defense counsel
- 8 if the patents-in-suit here include the kind of express
- 9 disclaimer of conventionality that's included in the
- 10 Solutran patents. My reading of the patents-in-suit here
- 11 is that they don't include a disclaimer of conventionality.
- 12 And, in fact, they intrinsically indicate that this check
- 13 processing functionality was unconventional at the time the
- 14 application was filed back in 2000. He's told me twice I'm
- 15 wrong about that. What's your view on that issue?
- 16 MR. MADDOX: I'm not aware of any such disclaimer,
- 17 and in the intrinsic evidence, as we've laid out on Pages
- 18 15 through 18 of our opposing brief, Document No. 91, is to
- 19 the contrary.
- It is explaining, hey, we've come up with this
- 21 great idea, this -- this way that we can -- that a number
- 22 of things are possible, not the least of which is
- 23 third-party check processing which Jack Henry went into the
- 24 business of doing.
- No, there has been no disclaimer, and that's why

- 1 we're different than Solutran. There is an actual
- 2 inventive arrangement of things to improve the performance
- 3 of automated check processing systems.
- 4 THE COURT: What's your view on the real-time
- 5 monitoring issue regarding the '106 patent?
- 6 MR. MADDOX: That's something that they failed to
- 7 address in their representativeness, and it is another --
- 8 for the '106 patent, it is an additional advance over the
- 9 prior art, which is not addressed by their arguments.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Maddox.
- MR. MADDOX: Thank you.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Heidrick, do you have any short
- 13 rebuttal to give me on this?
- 14 MR. HEIDRICK: Yes, Your Honor. Very short.
- I would -- I would agree there is no express
- 16 disclaimer like in the Solutran case. I just want to make
- 17 sure I'm clear on that. But I would point you to Column 3,
- 18 Line 5, of the '430 patent, with the specifications that
- 19 are shared by all the patents. The '106 is a little bit
- 20 different, but that's immaterial here.
- 21 And these types of references are throughout the
- 22 specification where it talks about routing the data through
- 23 normal check clearing paths and doing the same check
- 24 processing functions that have been done for years just at
- 25 a different location.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. Anything else?
- 2 MR. HEIDRICK: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
- 3 THE COURT: Counsel, the Court takes all these
- 4 matters set for pre-trial today seriously, although the
- 5 Court gives particular seriousness to the 101 issue, both
- 6 because it's totally dispositive in the case potentially
- 7 and because I don't know anybody that would say this is a
- 8 clear and unambiguous area of the law. It's a difficult
- 9 issue, and there's less than perfect guidance out there.
- 10 When the Federal Circuit expressly says, Congress,
- 11 please fix this, it's a pretty good indication of the state
- 12 of affairs that we're in.
- Consequently -- and I'm aware that both sides have
- 14 filed what you've titled as a notice in this case, post the
- 15 Solutran decision coming out.
- 16 I'm going to order each side to prepare and file
- 17 by noon on this Friday an additional brief on this 101
- 18 issue of not more than five pages. And I want you to focus
- 19 particularly and with specificity on what questions of fact
- 20 might exist as to inventiveness in the event the Court
- 21 concludes that this does address an abstract concept,
- 22 particularly with emphasis on the bypassing of the MICR
- 23 step and the real-time monitoring on the '106 patent,
- 24 together with anything else that may go to particular
- 25 specific inventiveness and unconventionality.

- 1 I'd also like you to address in further detail the
- 2 representativeness argument which is clearly the
- 3 Defendants' burden. It's going to make a very real and
- 4 practical difference even if the 101 motion is denied,
- 5 which it may well not be. I don't know what the answer is
- 6 as I sit here today. That's why I want the additional
- 7 briefing.
- 8 But even if this case goes forward to trial, this
- 9 representative issue is going to make a big difference on
- 10 the quantity of the evidence that's going to have to be
- 11 presented and the amount of time it's going to take and the
- 12 number of issues that are going to have to be juggled by
- 13 the jury.
- 14 And the second part of what I want this briefing
- 15 to -- to address is a more specific targeted addressing of
- 16 the representativeness issue. And I'll look for that by
- 17 noon on Friday.
- 18 Until that time, I'm going to carry the
- 19 Defendants' 101 motion. I anticipate giving this prompt
- 20 attention on Friday, and hopefully next week, getting you
- 21 written guidance on the 101 issue, all right?
- 22 All right. We're going to take a very brief
- 23 recess, counsel. When I come back, we are going to turn
- 24 next to the Defendants' motion for summary judgment of
- 25 non-infringement. That's Docket No. 83.

- 1 The Court stands in recess.
- 2 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- 3 (Recess.)
- 4 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- 5 THE COURT: Be seated, please.
- 6 All right. Counsel, before we go on to the
- 7 non-infringement summary judgment motion, I want to make
- 8 this clear.
- 9 On this additional briefing on the 101 issue, I
- 10 didn't dwell on Step 1 during the argument today. That
- 11 doesn't mean I've already decided or excluded the Step 1
- 12 argument.
- I'd like the Plaintiffs to -- excuse me, I'd like
- 14 the Plaintiffs to spell out in their briefing precisely
- 15 their position on abstract concept. And if it's their
- 16 position that this concept is not abstract, be very
- 17 specific and clear as to why.
- Also, Defendants told me today that it's abstract
- 19 because it has to do with check writing and check writing
- 20 has been around forever. That is much more broad than what
- 21 you put in your briefing. I want you to specify for me in
- 22 this additional five pages exactly the targeted area of
- 23 abstractness that you think is appropriate here.
- I understand your argument that this is just
- 25 improvement on an abstract idea.

- 1 The problem is you can't make the abstract idea so
- 2 broad and pervasive that any improvement is just
- 3 improvement on an abstract idea. And I don't think, if
- 4 you'll read your briefing, that your position in writing is
- 5 that the abstract idea here is check writing. It may be
- 6 electronic check writing. It may be something much more
- 7 than the traditional paper and pen check writing that's
- 8 been around forever. So I want Step 1 addressed in this
- 9 five pages, as well.
- 10 Also, back to one housekeeping matter. The
- 11 proposed juror questionnaire -- and, again, there's a
- 12 standing order on the website that tells you what I expect
- 13 that to cover and how it should be structured. There's
- 14 even a sample there.
- 15 But that juror questionnaire needs to be emailed
- 16 in Word form to the deputy in charge and to my staff by the
- 17 deadline I gave you if we're going to meet the deadline
- 18 that we have to work with here and get this out so that we
- 19 can get it back for use when jury selection takes place.
- 20 All right. Let's move on to Defendants' motion
- 21 for summary judgment of non-infringement. Let me hear
- 22 argument from the Defendant, please.
- MR. WIETJES: Your Honor, Jason Wietjes for the
- 24 Defendant and the movant, Jack Henry.
- THE COURT: Proceed.

- 1 MR. WIETJES: The central question here, Your
- 2 Honor, is whether Jack Henry is a bank of first deposit
- 3 under the Court's claim construction.
- 4 Now, PPS Data argues that Jack Henry is not a bank
- 5 of first deposit because it's not a bank. And at first
- 6 blush, that may seem logical and to have some merit to it.
- 7 But what we have to do is look at the construction
- 8 for bank of first deposit in the Court's claim construction
- 9 order.
- 10 Now, that construction tells us that a bank of
- 11 first deposit is a financial institution, unqualified. It
- 12 also tells us that the bank of first deposit must sponsor a
- 13 remote site and it must own or employ a central site for
- 14 processing financial transactions.
- 15 But the operative and pertinent part of the
- 16 construction remains financial institution for purposes of
- 17 Jack Henry's motion.
- Now, why is this important? Your Honor, Jack
- 19 Henry services two types of customers. On one hand, Jack
- 20 Henry services banks. So, for example, if you or I or if
- 21 anyone else walks into a bank and deposits a paper check,
- 22 that bank will take that check, along with all of the other
- 23 deposit -- deposited checks it receives that day, scan
- 24 them, and forward them on to Jack Henry for processing and
- 25 clearance by the Federal Reserve Bank.

- 1 The other type of customer that Jack Henry has is
- 2 a non-banking customer, for example, a rental property.
- 3 When the first of the month comes around, all the tenants
- 4 at that property bring their checks to the rental office,
- 5 put them in the dropbox to pay their monthly rent. That
- 6 rental agency will scan the checks and send them along to
- 7 Jack Henry for processing. Completely different customers.
- 8 This takes us to the Court's construction of
- 9 remote site, which is also very important here. The claims
- 10 require a mote site -- a remote site.
- 11 PPS Data states in its infringement contentions
- 12 that the remote site is Jack Henry's customers, also or
- 13 otherwise stated as the location where the checks to be
- 14 processed are scanned. The checks are scanned at the
- 15 customer's site, be it a bank or be it the rental property
- 16 non-bank customer that we've referenced.
- 17 Additionally, the construction for remote site
- 18 states that the remote site must be associated with the
- 19 financial institution. That's important because Jack
- 20 Henry's non-bank customers, again, the rental property, are
- 21 not associated with the financial institution. They
- 22 contract directly with Jack Henry.
- On the other hand, with the banking customers,
- 24 Jack Henry's relationship is with that bank, not the
- 25 individual depositing checks at that bank.

- 1 So what PPS Data had stated in its contentions is
- 2 it is that bank, Jack Henry's customer, is the financial
- 3 institution associated with the remote site, again, the
- 4 location where the checks are scanned at the customer's
- 5 location.
- 6 This created a problem for PPS Data, however, and
- 7 at some point, they realized this. And, notably,
- 8 Dr. Shamos's expert report doesn't distinguish between bank
- 9 and non-bank transactions. The financial institution
- 10 identified by Dr. Shamos in his report, again, was the
- 11 bank.
- So PPS Data and its expert, Dr. Shamos, came up
- 13 with a new theory because in order to infringe for these
- 14 non-banking transactions, again, the remote site had to be
- 15 associated with a financial institution. And they came up
- 16 with this theory the day before Dr. Shamos's deposition,
- 17 and their theory was, is that with respect to these
- 18 non-bank customers, Jack Henry is the financial
- 19 institution.
- We've briefed this. The testimony that -- that
- 21 Dr. Shamos put on the record is referenced and attached to
- 22 the -- the briefing in our summary judgment motion. And we
- 23 said, okay, well, if -- if that's your theory of the case,
- 24 that Jack Henry is a financial institution, so as to meet
- 25 this remote site limitation for infringement purposes, then

- 1 let's look at the -- the construction for bank of first
- 2 deposit which also requires a financial institution,
- 3 unqual -- again, unqualified.
- 4 So what PPS Data is now saying, Your Honor, is
- 5 that Jack Henry is a financial institution, so as to be
- 6 associated with a remote site to meet the limitation of
- 7 remote site. But it's not a financial institution so as to
- 8 meet the limitation of a bank of first deposit because as
- 9 we'll explain, if Jack Henry is a bank of first deposit, it
- 10 cannot infringe.
- 11 Stated differently, what -- what they're saying,
- 12 Your Honor, is that PPS Data has specifically said this, if
- 13 you look at their briefing, that the financial institution
- 14 does not have to be a bank when you're talking about a
- 15 remote site.
- But when you're talking about a bank of first
- 17 deposit, financial institution has to be a bank. So on one
- 18 hand, they're saying Jack Henry, not a bank, remote site,
- 19 infringes. On the other hand, with respect to bank of
- 20 first deposit, they're saying Jack Henry, not a bank,
- 21 cannot be a bank of first deposit, therefore, does not
- 22 infringe.
- They can't have it both ways, Your Honor. The
- 24 Court's claim constructions for remote site and bank of
- 25 first deposit do not distinguish between different

- 1 financial institutions. They both recite a financial
- 2 institution, unqualified.
- 3 All we're saying, Your Honor, is that if -- if --
- 4 if they're correct and if Jack Henry is a financial
- 5 institution, that it's a financial institution for all
- 6 purposes across the board. It can't be a financial
- 7 institution for purposes of being a remote site, but it's
- 8 not a financial institution for purposes of analyzing
- 9 whether or not it's a bank of first deposit.
- 10 Let's also look at what PPS Data's expert says.
- 11 Dr. Shamos testified that in order to become a user -- and
- 12 in this context, we're talking about a customer or a remote
- 13 site -- of any of the accused instruments, a user must be
- 14 sponsored by a financial institution and thus is associated
- 15 with a financial institution.
- Dr. Shamos also testified that Jack Henry is a
- 17 financial institution sponsoring the remote site.
- Now, they qualified that, and they -- they said
- 19 that's only for the non-banking customers, but that's
- 20 nonetheless testimony that Dr. Shamos opined to during his
- 21 deposition.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. WIETJES: And so what that means, Your Honor,
- 24 is -- is their own expert has admitted that the literal
- 25 construction for bank of first deposit fits on top of Jack

- 1 Henry. He said: Jack Henry is a bank of first deposit.
- Now they're arguing in their response that Jack
- 3 Henry is not a bank, and, therefore, it can't be a bank of
- 4 first deposit, but it's still a financial institution.
- 5 THE COURT: You're not telling me that this is
- 6 some kind of admission against interest that's imputable to
- 7 the Plaintiff through an expert witness, are you?
- 8 MR. WIETJES: I don't think it's an admission
- 9 against interest.
- 10 THE COURT: That's -- that's not summary judgment
- 11 evidence.
- MR. WIETJES: I don't -- I -- I would -- I would
- 13 agree, Your Honor, and I don't think it's an admission
- 14 against interest. What we're saying is if that's their
- 15 theory, if what they're saying is that Jack Henry is a
- 16 financial institution, then that's fine, we can live with
- 17 that.
- But if it's a financial institution, it's a
- 19 financial institution with respect to both of these terms
- 20 that are at issue.
- 21 And with respect to bank of first deposit, as
- 22 we'll -- as we'll get into next, if Jack Henry is a bank of
- 23 first deposit under the construction for bank of first
- 24 deposit, it cannot infringe these patents as a matter of
- 25 law. And that's the argument, Judge, not that -- not that

- 1 the expert has made some admission against interest that
- 2 we're trying to intervene into the summary judgment
- 3 context.
- 4 THE COURT: Let me ask you this, counsel. It
- 5 seems to me that there's at least an argument that it's
- 6 unclear here whether Jack Henry's EPS system is the sole
- 7 MICR caption -- capture, deposit accounting, cash
- 8 management, and flat processing systems or it's a
- 9 secondary system that's separate from and bypasses the MICR
- 10 capture, deposit accounting, cash management, and float
- 11 processing systems of the bank of first deposit. What's
- 12 your position on that? Is that completely clear here? And
- 13 if so, how?
- 14 MR. WIETJES: I think it's clear, Your Honor. And
- 15 I think if I may give some more context to that.
- So what -- what PPS Data will tell you, and Jack
- 17 Henry doesn't dispute this for purposes of this motion, is
- 18 that a bank of first deposit will have its own systems in
- 19 place.
- So, for example, it will have its own MICR capture
- 21 system, its own float processing system, its own deposit
- 22 accounting system. And Jack Henry also does those
- 23 functions, and they have admitted that Jack Henry at least
- 24 does float processing -- and the other one -- I want to
- 25 make sure I tell you the right ones, deposit accounting.

- 1 What they'll tell you is that Jack Henry does that for
- 2 itself. It doesn't do it for the bank of first deposit
- 3 because the bank of first deposit has its own systems that
- 4 perform those steps, and, therefore, when Jack Henry does
- 5 it, it's bypassing those systems for the bank of first
- 6 deposit.
- 7 Did I lose you, or do you have further questions
- 8 on --
- 9 THE COURT: No. I guess what I'm getting at is it
- 10 sounds like there's potentially a fact question mixed in
- 11 there. And I want to know your position as to whether
- 12 there really is a material fact question related to whether
- 13 Jack Henry's EPS system is the sole avenue, whether it's
- 14 the secondary avenue that bypasses and is separate from.
- 15 That's what I'm trying to get to, if that's clear.
- 16 MR. WIETJES: If I understand, Your Honor, there's
- 17 no dispute that Jack Henry does these -- these things, the
- 18 float processing, the deposit accounting, at least from our
- 19 standpoint. We -- we're not disputing that. We -- we're
- 20 saying we do those things.
- 21 THE COURT: There's not a dispute that these are
- 22 done by Jack Henry's bank instead of by Jack Henry?
- MR. WIETJES: By Jack Henry.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. WIETJES: We don't know what the bank does,

- 1 Your Honor. We -- that's -- that's not in evidence in
- 2 terms of what the bank is doing. But with respect to what
- 3 Jack Henry is doing, we don't dispute that we perform these
- 4 four -- these four steps.
- Now, they will tell you that we do not do MICR
- 6 capture at all. And we're not arguing that for purposes of
- 7 that because that's -- that's a fact that they're
- 8 disputing. But they -- they've admitted in their response
- 9 to Jack Henry's statement of undisputed facts that Jack
- 10 Henry does deposit accounting and float processing.
- 11 They'll say -- they say that Jack Henry is not doing that
- 12 for the bank of first deposit, though, it's doing it for
- 13 itself.
- 14 THE COURT: What's your position on whether or not
- 15 Jack Henry or its banking customers are sponsoring the
- 16 remote sites?
- MR. WIETJES: So --
- 18 THE COURT: And is there a question of fact here?
- 19 MR. WIETJES: So they're -- no. Again, Your
- 20 Honor, there's -- in the context of -- of -- I think you
- 21 have to -- if I may, I think you have to analyze this
- 22 through the -- the lens that we're looking at, which is
- 23 that Jack Henry is a bank of first deposit. If Jack Henry
- 24 is not a bank of first deposit under the Court's
- 25 construction, then -- then our -- admittedly, this argument

- 1 is -- is not sustainable. In order -- in order for this to
- 2 work, Jack Henry has to be a bank of first deposit.
- 3 And so to answer your question, I think more --
- 4 more specifically, what -- what Jack Henry -- what Jack
- 5 Henry does in terms of the MICR capture, the -- the deposit
- 6 accounting, whatever it's doing, our position is that it's
- 7 doing that for the bank of first deposit. Otherwise, why
- 8 would it do it?
- 9 And so when you're talking about the sponsoring,
- 10 you -- again, remember, we have two different types of
- 11 customers. We have banking customers and non-banking
- 12 customers.
- And so what PPS Data has alleged in their
- 14 infringement contentions is that the bank of first deposit
- 15 sponsor -- the bank -- the banking customer sponsors the --
- 16 the actual person that's coming to write the check at the
- 17 bank for purposes of -- of meeting the claim limitation.
- 18 Because, again, Jack Henry's relationship is not with --
- 19 with you or me or --
- 20 THE COURT: Slow down a little bit.
- 21 MR. WIETJES: I apologize. Or whoever is
- 22 depositing the check. Jack Henry's customer and Jack
- 23 Henry's relationship is with the bank. And so that bank
- 24 sponsors the -- the customer in that sense.
- Now, with respect to the -- the non-bank

- 1 customers, this gets to the heart of our argument. What
- 2 they're saying in that context is Jack Henry is -- is
- 3 sponsoring the non-bank customers as the financial
- 4 institution. That -- that's really the -- the nexus of our
- 5 entire position on this summary judgment motion is that if
- 6 Jack Henry, as they say -- as Dr. Shamos says, if we take
- 7 him at his word, if that's their position, that Jack Henry
- 8 is a financial institution, then Jack Henry cannot
- 9 infringe.
- The reason why, Your Honor, is because if Jack
- 11 Henry is a financial institution, then it also meets the
- 12 construction of bank of first deposit. If Jack Henry is a
- 13 bank of first deposit, they've admitted that Jack Henry
- 14 does float processing and these -- I mess these up -- and
- 15 deposit accounting.
- So they've admitted that we do those two things.
- 17 And if we do those things and we're a bank of first
- 18 deposit, then those -- those functionalities are not being
- 19 performed at a system that's separate from the systems at a
- 20 bank of first deposit, as the claim requires.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. What else on this motion?
- MR. WIETJES: At this time, Your Honor, nothing
- 23 further.
- THE COURT: Let me hear Plaintiff's response.
- 25 MR. SON: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Anthony Son

- 1 of Maddox Edwards on behalf of PPS Data.
- THE COURT: Please go ahead.
- 3 MR. SON: The very first question that needs to be
- 4 answered here is whether PPS Data is asserting that Jack
- 5 Henry is a bank of first deposit. It is not.
- 6 Our briefing has made that very clear. We said
- 7 that in our opposition. We said that in our sur-reply to
- 8 them. We have not taken the position that Jack Henry is a
- 9 bank of first deposit.
- 10 Counsel made a very interesting observation with
- 11 respect to the Court's definition and claim construction
- 12 related to a bank of first deposit. As Your Honor may
- 13 recall from the Court's claim construction on that -- on
- 14 that issue, and that's Docket No. 55, the -- with respect
- 15 to the bank of first deposit, the Court adopted a
- 16 lexicography definition.
- 17 Within the specification, the -- the term "bank of
- 18 first deposit" was defined to mean the financial
- 19 institution sponsoring the remote site and which owns or
- 20 employs a central site for processing financial
- 21 transactions.
- 22 And this is at -- Your Honor, you discussed this
- 23 at Page -- I'm sorry, Docket No. 55, Page 14.
- 24 Within that same discussion of your -- of the
- 25 claim construction order, on Page 16 --

- 1 THE COURT: Specifically respond to me -- or for
- 2 me, rather, to Defendants' argument that Plaintiff says
- 3 Jack Henry is not a bank of first deposit because it's not
- 4 a bank.
- 5 MR. SON: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I did not hear
- 6 you.
- 7 THE COURT: Respond, if you will, to the -- to the
- 8 Defendants' argument that Plaintiff says that the Defendant
- 9 is not a bank of first deposit because it's not a bank.
- 10 MR. SON: Your Honor, that's exactly what I'm
- 11 pointing to right now.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. SON: On the screen on Page 16 of your claim
- 14 construction order, talking about the lexicography
- 15 definition, Your Honor -- and I highlighted this -- it said
- 16 particularly, in light of the above lexicography in which
- 17 the word "bank" refers to a financial institution, rather
- 18 than -- rather than a branch or a particular physical
- 19 location, the term "different bank of first deposit" refers
- 20 to a different financial institution.
- 21 The parties throughout this case do not dispute
- 22 that a financial institution that's discussed in the scope
- 23 of the patent is referring to a bank, a credit union, or an
- 24 entity that actually does have -- have depository accounts.
- 25 Indeed, the specification -- I'm sorry, the claims talk

- 1 about the account -- the deposit account designation of a
- 2 bank of first deposit. So we're talking about these type
- 3 of entities, banks, credit unions, and other depository
- 4 account offers having that.
- 5 And the Court -- Your Honor recognized that with
- 6 this statement right here. That's also consistent with the
- 7 other parts of the specification within the -- within
- 8 the -- within the -- the patent. The patent teaches
- 9 that -- moreover, the '430 patent teaches that the act of
- 10 depositing or otherwise converting the financial
- 11 instrument, such as a check, draft, or other instrument,
- 12 have generally required the physical presentment of the
- 13 instrument by the bearer to a financial institution such as
- 14 a bank, credit union, or other institution authorized to
- 15 accept the process monitoring instrument.
- 16 THE COURT: Slow down -- counsel, slow down.
- 17 MR. SON: I'm sorry.
- 18 THE COURT: When -- when counsel read this
- 19 volume -- I mean, the speed goes way up, and it's important
- 20 that you talk --
- 21 MR. SON: I apologize, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: -- talk where I can follow you.
- MR. SON: And that is at the '430 patent, Column
- 24 1, Lines 15 to 20.
- 25 THE COURT: So you're not saying Jack Henry is not

- 1 a bank of first deposit because it's not a traditional
- 2 commercial bank. You're not saying that?
- 3 MR. SON: We're saying that -- we are saying that
- 4 Jack Henry is not a commercial bank, correct. We are
- 5 saying that they are not -- they are not a bank. They
- 6 don't dispute that they are not a bank.
- 7 THE COURT: And you're not saying that they are
- 8 not a bank of first deposit because they are not a bank?
- 9 MR. SON: That's a double negative in there. I
- 10 apologize. They're not a bank of first deposit because
- 11 they are not a bank?
- 12 THE COURT: Is that your position or is that not
- 13 your position?
- MR. SON: Correct, Your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: Correct --
- MR. SON: They are not a bank, and, therefore,
- 17 they are not a bank of first -- first deposit.
- THE COURT: So you're saying a bank of first
- 19 deposit has to be a bank, it can't be a financial
- 20 institution, which is contrary to the claim construction.
- 21 MR. SON: Well, the claim construction says the --
- 22 I think the -- the dispute here is what is a financial
- 23 institution based on the Court's construction.
- 24 The Court construed a bank of first deposit to
- 25 say -- adopting the lexicographer definition. The

- 1 specification defined what a bank of -- what a financial
- 2 institution was.
- 3 THE COURT: So you think there's a dispute about
- 4 what a financial institution is?
- 5 MR. SON: Correct, Your Honor. I -- I think
- 6 that's the way they're interpreting it. We don't think
- 7 that that's -- they are not a bank of first deposit because
- 8 they are not a financial institution within the meaning of
- 9 the patent. That's -- that has been our position.
- 10 THE COURT: So your position is not that they're
- 11 not a bank of first deposit because they are not a
- 12 commercial bank. Your position is they are not a bank of
- 13 first deposit because they are not a financial institution
- 14 sponsoring the remote site and which owns or employs a
- 15 central site for processing financial transactions?
- MR. SON: Correct, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Well, you understand, counsel, the
- 18 record here is -- with regard to financial institution is
- 19 pretty broad, whether it's a savings and loan, whether it's
- 20 a credit union. It can be a lot of things and still be a
- 21 financial institution.
- MR. SON: That is -- that is correct, Your Honor.
- 23 I agree with that. And financial institutions would also
- 24 include entities such as a casino which we -- we referenced
- 25 in our briefing to Your Honor. It includes many other

- 1 types of entities that would not be a bank of first deposit
- 2 within the scope of this patent the -- within the meaning
- 3 of this patent.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, Jack Henry is not a casino, as I
- 5 understand it. But the question is, is Jack Henry a
- 6 financial institution? And you say they're not?
- 7 MR. SON: They are not a financial institution
- 8 within the meaning of this patent. And that has never been
- 9 the position of Dr. -- Dr. Shamos in his infringement
- 10 report.
- And if I can back up and kind of give an overview
- 12 about why -- how did this issue even come about because it
- 13 really was not a dispute on this? We have -- in our
- 14 infringement contentions, we did not -- PPS Data did not
- 15 take the position that Jack Henry was a bank of first
- 16 deposit.
- 17 In Dr. Shamos's opening expert report, he did not
- 18 take the opinion or opine that Jack Henry is a bank of
- 19 first deposit. This issue was actually tied somewhat to
- 20 our -- to some of the issues that we'll discuss in a minute
- 21 related to the motion to strike Dr. Michalson's testimony.
- 22 They did not make a distinction or in discovery
- 23 between the supposed banking customers and non-banking
- 24 customers. Throughout discovery, in response to
- 25 Interrogatory No. 5 where we asked them for

- 1 non-infringement contentions, they never identified that
- 2 there was a distinction between their banking and
- 3 non-banking customers.
- 4 We have another interrogatory. It was
- 5 Interrogatory No. -- it was Interrogatory No. 3 where we
- 6 asked them to identify for us each person who they had a
- 7 contract with. Other -- other -- in other words, identify
- 8 who your customers are.
- 9 They provided us with a spreadsheet eventually.
- 10 Two weeks before the close of discovery, they produced to
- 11 us a document -- or they identified for the first time in
- 12 their supplemental responses to interrogatories and
- 13 identified a spreadsheet, PPS 2817.
- 14 And, Your Honor, if I may, I have an additional
- 15 copy of this if I may give it to your court clerk.
- 16 THE COURT: You can approach with it.
- 17 MR. SON: Thank you.
- 18 THE COURT: Just hand it to the courtroom deputy,
- 19 please.
- Go ahead, counsel.
- 21 MR. SON: This is the list of customers that they
- 22 identified in response to the -- their interrogatory. When
- 23 you look through this entire list, which I have done, they
- 24 are all banks. They're all credit -- banks, credit unions,
- 25 savings and loans, those type of -- type of entities.

- 1 These are all banking-type customers. The one customer
- 2 that -- that they had talked about as being a -- what they
- 3 call a non-banking customer is a client -- customer of
- 4 theirs called RealPage. And, unfortunately -- fortunately,
- 5 these are in alphabetical order, but it's not numerical
- 6 because of the -- it's not paginated because they're -- it
- 7 was in a spreadsheet.
- 8 You'll see RealPage identified here. And even
- 9 with RealPage, when they identified it, they identified it
- 10 in connection with a bank.
- 11 PPS Data was never put on notice that there was
- 12 ever a distinction with any of their customers between
- 13 being a bank or a non-banking customer. We relied on that
- 14 disclosure to us. We proceeded throughout this case with
- 15 the understanding that these were all banking customers.
- We submitted an expert opinion by Dr. Shamos who
- 17 relied on this -- this type of information and opined and
- 18 showed detail how -- how Jack Henry is infringing and meets
- 19 every limitation of the asserted claims with the
- 20 understanding that Jack Henry is not the bank of first
- 21 deposit. The bank of first deposit are all these
- 22 customers, the banks.
- 23 THE COURT: Have you identified this lack of
- 24 notice argument in your briefing, counsel, because I don't
- 25 remember --

- 1 MR. SON: I believe that's subject to our --
- 2 subject to our notice of -- I'm sorry, our -- part of our
- 3 motion in limine.
- 4 THE COURT: I understand --
- 5 MR. SON: This -- this argument is specifically
- 6 part of our motion to strike.
- 7 THE COURT: You know, counsel, if you'll stop
- 8 talking when I start talking, we'll get along a whole lot
- 9 better. I'm not here to let you talk. You're here to let
- 10 me talk.
- And I don't find it in the briefing on this
- 12 motion. I don't know where else you think it might be, but
- 13 if you're going to argue it to me, I shouldn't be hearing
- 14 it for the first time, as opposed to the written briefing
- 15 on the motion that I've seen. And I don't see that lack of
- 16 notice argument in the briefing on this motion.
- 17 If it's there, please tell me it is and point it
- 18 out to me. If it's some extraneous other place, that's
- 19 just as if it's not in the briefing.
- 20 MR. SON: Under -- understood, Your Honor. You
- 21 are -- you are correct, it's not expressly stated in the --
- 22 in the briefs.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. What's your -- what's your
- 24 position on behalf of the Plaintiff with regard to whether
- 25 or not there's a lack of clarity on whether Jack Henry's

- 1 EPS system is the sole MICR capture, deposit accounting,
- 2 cash management, float processing system, or a secondary
- 3 system that's separate from and bypasses the MICR capture,
- 4 deposit accounting, cash management, and float processing
- 5 systems of the bank of first deposit? What's your position
- 6 on that?
- 7 MR. SON: Our position on that is that there are
- 8 factual issues with respect to that. The claim language, I
- 9 think, makes it pretty -- pretty clear here that what we're
- 10 talking about with respect to the bank of financial --
- 11 first deposit, referring to the account -- deposit account
- 12 designation, you need to bypass those enumerated systems to
- 13 bypass, you know, the MICR capture, deposit accounting,
- 14 cash management, float processing of or for the bank of
- 15 first deposit. That's referred -- and our -- our position
- 16 is that those are referring to those systems of the bank of
- 17 first -- first deposit, these entities here.
- 18 THE COURT: Is it Plaintiff's position that there
- 19 is or is not a fact question here regarding whether Jack
- 20 Henry or its banking customers are sponsoring remote sites?
- 21 MR. SON: That is a factual issue. We don't
- 22 believe that there's a reasonable dispute there with
- 23 respect to -- that it is Jack Henry's customers.
- 24 THE COURT: How is it a fact issue but not a
- 25 reasonable dispute? I don't follow that at all.

- 1 MR. SON: Because they're -- they're -- well -- I
- 2 apologize, Your Honor.
- 3 It is -- it is in dispute. Our position is that
- 4 their customers -- the financial institution customers, the
- 5 banks, sponsor the remote sites.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. What else do you want to argue
- 7 for the benefit of the Court that you haven't had an
- 8 opportunity to so far? What else?
- 9 MR. SON: I think that's it, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear a brief
- 11 rebuttal from Defendant.
- MR. WIETJES: Your Honor, Jason Wietjes, again,
- 13 for the Defendant.
- 14 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- MR. WIETJES: The issue isn't that they've taken a
- 16 position that Jack Henry is a bank of first deposit. They
- 17 haven't. They haven't argued that. They haven't said
- 18 that. We don't allege otherwise, and we're not disputing
- 19 that.
- The issue is that they have said Jack Henry is a
- 21 financial institution. And by doing that, that makes Jack
- 22 Henry a bank of first deposit because it otherwise -- Jack
- 23 Henry otherwise meets the description and the construction
- 24 of a bank of first deposit.
- So they can't have it both ways, Your Honor. If

- 1 they want Jack Henry to be a financial institution, then
- 2 it's a financial institution across the board.
- 3 THE COURT: So you're -- you're telling me that
- 4 there's no dispute between the parties whether Jack Henry
- 5 is sponsoring the remote site and -- which owns or employs
- 6 a central site for processing financial transactions? The
- 7 only issue is whether Jack Henry is or is not a financial
- 8 institution?
- 9 MR. WIETJES: For purposes of this summary
- 10 judgment motion, that is correct, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: And why is that?
- MR. WIETJES: Well, they've -- they've stated in
- 13 their contentions, and I believe -- I believe we've cited
- 14 in our briefing, where they -- they've admitted that Jack
- 15 Henry -- I have it here. I think it's -- here's -- here's
- 16 what they've stated.
- 17 They -- they've admitted in their response to Jack
- 18 Henry's statement of undisputed facts that Jack Henry owns
- 19 a central system, that that central system performs at
- 20 least the acts of deposit accounting and float processing
- 21 as required by the claims, and that -- that's really the
- 22 heart of this, Your Honor, because if we do those things
- 23 and we are a financial institution, then we are a bank of
- 24 first deposit. And if we're a bank of first deposit and we
- 25 do float processing and we do deposit accounting, then

- 1 those systems are not separate from a bank of first
- 2 deposit.
- 3 THE COURT: Well, in addition to the deposit
- 4 accounting and the processing systems, what about the MICR
- 5 capture and the cash management and the other elements
- 6 here?
- 7 MR. WIETJES: Fair question, Judge. And they
- 8 dispute whether or not we do MICR capture. So we say, for
- 9 purposes of this motion, okay, let's assume that we don't.
- 10 We're not conceding that, but for purposes of this motion
- 11 it doesn't matter because all four of those systems have to
- 12 be bypassed. So if Jack Henry does any one of the four,
- 13 then that one is not bypassed, and, therefore, there is --
- 14 there cannot be infringement.
- And so that's why we've limited it to those two
- 16 because those are the two that they've admitted that we do.
- 17 THE COURT: What about the sponsoring requirement
- 18 because it seems like to me you're glossing over that?
- MR. WIETJES: Well, if I may, Judge, I think
- 20 perhaps what their -- what their expert says could be
- 21 helpful there because what he's testified to is that Jack
- 22 Henry is the financial institution and that Jack Henry
- 23 sponsors the remote site.
- And that is Statement of Undisputed Fact No. 19,
- 25 for reference.

- 1 THE COURT: In the pre-trial order?
- 2 MR. WIETJES: In our motion for summary judgment.
- 3 I'm sorry. It may be -- Judge, it may appear in the
- 4 pre-trial order also as undisputed issues that we've
- 5 listed. I don't have that cross-referenced.
- THE COURT: Well, in my mind, there's a difference
- 7 between somebody's expert witness saying something in a
- 8 deposition and it being a stipulated or undisputed fact
- 9 between the parties. You're telling me that's an
- 10 undisputed fact between the parties?
- 11 MR. WIETJES: They -- I believe they've agreed to
- 12 that, that that was undisputed in their response to our --
- 13 our statement of undisputed material facts because that's
- 14 what they're saying, Judge, in order to make out their
- 15 infringement case. They're saying that's what -- that's
- 16 what Jack Henry does. That's part of their infringement
- 17 allegations and contentions in the case.
- So we're just taking them at their word for that.
- 19 We're saying, okay, if that's what your position is, if
- 20 that's what you want to say, if that's what you're going to
- 21 tell the jury in order to prove infringement, then that's
- 22 fine.
- But if that's the case, then -- then Jack Henry is
- 24 a bank of first deposit. If it's a financial institution,
- 25 it's a financial institution. It can't be a financial

- 1 institution for purposes of proving infringement with
- 2 respect to the non-bank customers and the remote site
- 3 issue, but not a bank of first -- but not a financial
- 4 institution when we start looking at what a bank of first
- 5 deposit is.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. Anything else by way of
- 7 quick rebuttal?
- 8 MR. WIETJES: Nothing at this time, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: I'm going to give Plaintiff one more
- 10 chance to address this.
- 11 Specifically, Plaintiff, I want to know if this is
- 12 a stipulated and undisputed fact or if it's controverted
- 13 evidence here.
- 14 MR. SON: Your Honor, PPS Data's response to their
- 15 summary judgment motion, counsel just identified that was
- 16 Undisputed Fact No. 19. Our response is that Undisputed
- 17 Fact No. 19 states, and I quote, PPS Data disputes JHA's
- 18 statement of Undisputed Material Fact No. 19.
- 19 THE COURT: So --
- MR. SON: So we do -- that is a disputed fact,
- 21 Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay. And I don't want to belabor
- 23 this. But I mean, it's either undisputed or it's disputed.
- 24 I'm hearing one thing from one side and one thing from the
- 25 other, and it can't be both.

- 1 Do you have one final statement on this,
- 2 Defendant? If you do, go to the podium.
- 3 MR. WIETJES: I think here's the issue, Judge,
- 4 where -- where you're having a question. It's either
- 5 disputed or it's undisputed. So they've disputed it but
- 6 not as to Jack Henry's non-bank customers. That -- that's
- 7 the --
- 8 THE COURT: Well, that's not what you told me
- 9 earlier. You said it was an undisputed fact, and you
- 10 stopped there, which --
- MR. WIETJES: That was --
- 12 THE COURT: -- implies it's across the board for
- 13 everybody.
- 14 MR. WIETJES: That was a mistake on my part, Your
- 15 Honor, and I -- I should have been more clear there.
- 16 But -- but I'm reading it now, and the statement
- 17 that they have is: While this statement is accurate for
- 18 JHA's non-banking customers, it is inaccurate for JHA's
- 19 banking customers. That's -- that's what they've
- 20 qualified.
- 21 So at a minimum, where that gets us, Judge, based
- 22 on their own admissions, is the non-bank customers, those
- 23 transactions and those infringement allegations simply do
- 24 not infringe under what they're -- what they're saying and
- 25 what they've admitted.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. Well, I'll say this,
- 2 counsel. The argument I've heard today is not particularly
- 3 helpful. But based on the briefing and the appropriate
- 4 summary judgment evidence, I'm persuaded there are still
- 5 material questions of fact at issue here such that I should
- 6 and it is the Court's ruling that the motion is denied.
- 7 That doesn't mean I won't hear a motion from
- 8 Defendant under Rule 50(a) at a later time, but I'm not
- 9 going to grant summary judgment on this motion today.
- 10 Okay. Let's go on next to Plaintiff's Daubert
- 11 motion regarding Dr. Michalson. That's Docket No. 79. And
- 12 let me hear from Plaintiff on that, please.
- MR. SABA: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Kaveh Saba
- 14 on behalf of Plaintiff, PPS Data.
- 15 THE COURT: Please proceed.
- 16 MR. SABA: Your Honor, the issue in the Daubert
- 17 motion is that the entirety of Defendants' expert,
- 18 Dr. Michalson's, non-litigation experience and non -- and
- 19 knowledge of electronic check processing is that of a
- 20 consumer with a checking account. That's what he said
- 21 repeatedly at his deposition, and Jack Henry did not offer
- 22 an affidavit to try to explain that testimony away.
- We believe that it's clearly not enough for him to
- 24 be qualified as an expert to opine on what we've been
- 25 discussing, which is what a POSA, a person of skill in the

- 1 art, in the field of electronic processing would have known
- 2 in the year 2000. For example, how were checks processed,
- 3 what the customary understanding of terms like MICR capture
- 4 system -- that is magnetic ink character recognition --
- 5 float processing system, those types of things in the
- 6 industry of check processing.
- 7 THE COURT: Is this the same Dr. Michalson that
- 8 you thought was qualified enough that you tried to hire him
- 9 as an expert in this case?
- 10 MR. SABA: I believe Your Honor is referring to
- 11 the email of -- of PPS's counsel to him. And what I think
- 12 we said in our briefing and what I would say here is the
- 13 fact that PPS Data's counsel saw Dr. Michalson's name on a
- 14 case associated, again, with Jack Henry and decided to
- 15 reach out to him is not the standard of Daubert. The
- 16 standard of Daubert is does that expert himself, in fact,
- 17 have the qualifications? That's what -- that's the only
- 18 thing that's relevant as to the Daubert issue.
- 19 THE COURT: But when you reach out to him
- 20 ostensively for the purpose of retaining him or at least
- 21 exploring retaining him as an expert for your side of the
- 22 case, that goes a long way in telling me that you think he
- 23 is qualified. How -- how should I look at it any
- 24 differently?
- 25 MR. SABA: Your Honor, that -- that individual may

- 1 or may not have believed that based on --
- 2 THE COURT: I mean, are you in the -- are you in
- 3 the business of hiring non-qualified experts?
- 4 MR. SABA: No, Your Honor, and -- and you'll note
- 5 that we didn't actually end up hiring him. If someone
- 6 reached out to me and said, you know, we believe you have
- 7 expertise in this area, I'd be flattered, but I'm not an
- 8 expert in that area. That's the fact of the matter. I
- 9 wouldn't be qualified to opine on this area. And I think
- 10 that's -- that's where the email takes us. It's -- it's
- 11 optics, but it's not the actual issue here.
- 12 And if you look at the actual issue --
- 13 THE COURT: Well, Dr. -- Dr. Michalson didn't say
- 14 I'm not qualified when your side reached out to him. In
- 15 fact, he accepted employment by Jack Henry in this case for
- 16 that -- in that same posture, right?
- 17 MR. SABA: That's -- that's true.
- 18 THE COURT: So that doesn't indicate that he
- 19 doesn't believe he's qualified, like your example you'd be
- 20 flattered, but you'd admit you weren't qualified.
- MR. SABA: And you're -- you're right about that
- 22 distinction. I only made that illustration to point out
- 23 that what we need to look at here is the facts of what his
- 24 experience is. And what he said at deposition repeatedly
- 25 was: You know, I had a checking account. As a consumer, I

- 1 dealt with banks. That was the entirety of his
- 2 non-litigation experience.
- Jack Henry in their -- in their briefing, their
- 4 main position is not actually to dispute the fundamentals.
- 5 They point to that email, but it's -- it's not to dispute
- 6 the fundamentals of his lack of experience beyond a
- 7 layperson.
- 8 What they say is we're conflating the definition
- 9 of a POSA with the Daubert issue here. Well, the
- 10 fundamental problem with that is in this type of situation,
- 11 the issue of a POSA is -- is necessarily intertwined with
- 12 the Daubert issue.
- Dr. Michalson is offering opinions on invalidity
- 14 exclusively through the eyes of a POSA and non-infringement
- 15 for matter. And in the Federal Circuit case, Sundance
- 16 versus DeMonte Fabricating, the Federal Circuit said such
- 17 an expert, to be qualified, must have at least the training
- 18 and expertise of a person of skill in the art. In fact,
- 19 otherwise, it's an abuse of discretion to allow such a
- 20 person to testify.
- 21 THE COURT: Isn't this -- isn't this really in the
- 22 final analysis a circular argument because it's a factual
- 23 issue as to the level of skill necessary for a person to be
- 24 a person of ordinary skill in the art?
- MR. SABA: Correct, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Not an issue for the Court to decide
- 2 here.
- 3 MR. SABA: Correct, Your Honor. I say -- I would
- 4 say two things about that.
- 5 Number one, the Court does, in fact, decide the
- 6 person of skill in the art because it comes up in so many
- 7 issues -- for example, claim construction -- on a routine
- 8 basis. It doesn't -- just because it's a factual issue
- 9 doesn't mean it must be decided by the jury. It happens in
- 10 claim construction all the time.
- 11 In fact, the -- the Federal Circuit has reversed
- 12 and instituted its own person of ordinary skill definition
- 13 based on the evidence it's had.
- 14 And the second issue is -- is if -- if issues that
- 15 hinge on the person of skill in the art can never be
- 16 decided at the Daubert stage, if qualification issues,
- 17 then -- then we might as well moot the Daubert issue
- 18 altogether, because as in this case, you could have one
- 19 definition from a party that quite conveniently encompasses
- 20 their expert and another definition. And you just say,
- 21 well, that's an issue for the jury. And then what happens
- 22 is the expert, in fact, testifies at trial.
- 23 So this is an issue for the Court to decide as
- 24 gatekeeper. And to do that, the Court does need to decide
- 25 the -- the -- we would say should decide the person of the

- 1 skill in the art issue. And we think that's actually quite
- 2 clear. I mean, we've been talking all afternoon about
- 3 electronic check processing. It would make no sense to
- 4 exclude that very field from the definition of a POSA,
- 5 which is what Jack Henry's definition does.
- Now, I also want to point out that there's this
- 7 dispute over whether -- I think Jack Henry has said that,
- 8 well, he -- he's -- he's an expert in this case, or you
- 9 reached out to him in this case, as Your Honor pointed out.
- 10 It can't be that his work on this case makes him an expert.
- 11 It can't be that -- that work -- litigation work on behalf
- 12 of a party is where you can gain the knowledge that you
- 13 need.
- 14 I think one -- one helpful illustration on that is
- 15 the Federal Circuit in Mintz versus Dietz & Watson pointed
- 16 out with obviousness and anticipation. What that requires
- 17 is, quote, a form of amnesia that forgets the invention and
- 18 analyzes the prior art and understanding of the problem at
- 19 the date of the invention.
- Well, how is Dr. Michalson, whose only specialized
- 21 knowledge in actual check processing industry experience
- 22 for the invention come solely from his work for Jack Henry?
- 23 How could he possibly perform that analysis? He can't
- 24 because he has nothing independent to draw back on.
- 25 I will say this does appear to be a -- somewhat of

- 1 a unique issue. And the question, I think, for the Court
- 2 is can an expert gain this qualification solely by
- 3 litigation-hired work on behalf of the party offering
- 4 the -- the expert? We would say that that -- the answer is
- 5 no.
- 6 THE COURT: Is there some agreement or admission
- 7 here that the only way this gentleman could have the
- 8 expertise that is in question is from his work on behalf of
- 9 the Defendant in this case?
- 10 MR. SABA: Well, I would point to Jack Henry's
- 11 response on this issue, and -- and their response --
- 12 THE COURT: You're telling me that the Defendants'
- 13 position is that the sole and only expertise this gentleman
- 14 has is acquired through the work he's done for us in this
- 15 case?
- MR. SABA: They also point to another case in
- 17 which he was hired for Jack Henry. And that was the Data
- 18 Treasury I believe PTAB proceedings.
- 19 The first thing I would say about that is -- is
- 20 that was in 2012, which is about a -- over a decade after
- 21 the date of the patents here. Although more importantly,
- 22 Dr. Michalson didn't put that in his CV and -- and didn't
- 23 feel it important enough to do so.
- Now, at his deposition, when asked about his check
- 25 processing experience, he didn't actually bring that case

- 1 up. That's the sworn testimony on the issue.
- 2 It's also unclear, what, if any, knowledge about
- 3 check processing in 2000 that Jack Henry itself believes it
- 4 gave Dr. Michalson based on that work. And, of course,
- 5 it's -- it's Jack Henry's burden as the proponent of the
- 6 evidence to show that he did gain such expertise.
- 7 And the last thing I want to say about that is
- 8 that it -- just -- just in the same way that it can't be
- 9 his work on this case that renders him, you know, an expert
- 10 and knowledgeable about check processing, it doesn't make
- 11 much sense for him to have gained that knowledge while
- 12 working for Jack Henry as a hired expert in a previous case
- 13 either.
- 14 So they do point to that, as well. I think that
- 15 is essentially the entirety of the experience they point
- 16 to.
- 17 I will say for -- in full disclosure, they point
- 18 to -- on -- on -- they make one statement about maintaining
- 19 servers that host a number of websites, several of which
- 20 involve e-commerce and is familiar with configuring a
- 21 server to support e-commerce activities.
- This isn't something Dr. Michalson brought up at
- 23 his deposition. Frankly, they didn't mention it in their
- 24 sur-reply. I -- I don't think that that is actually
- 25 something that gave him electronic check processing

- 1 expertise.
- 2 THE COURT: As I understand it, there's really no
- 3 dispute that this individual is an expert in databases and
- 4 computer systems.
- 5 The issue, does -- does he have sufficient
- 6 familiarity with check processing; isn't that right?
- 7 MR. SABA: I believe that's correct. And to be
- 8 clear, Dr. Michalson may well have expertise in computer
- 9 systems. And we don't dispute that for purposes of this
- 10 motion.
- But the Federal Circuit has -- has affirmed
- 12 numerous times, situations where the patents at issue
- 13 require specific expertise. So someone with computer
- 14 knowledge, not just generally, but someone who actually has
- 15 some level expertise in the specific area of electronic
- 16 processing, this is one of those cases.
- 17 And it's for the reason that we've been talking
- 18 about all afternoon. We've been talking about MICR capture
- 19 systems. We've been talking about float processing
- 20 systems. These aren't things that a computer programmer
- 21 deals with.
- In order to understand the plain meaning of those
- 23 terms, in order to understand what these machines that have
- 24 been used for decades are, that there's got to be some
- 25 level of experience. Otherwise, it just does not meet the

- 1 Daubert standard in our view.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear a response
- 3 from the Defendant.
- 4 MR. WIETJES: Your Honor, Jason Wietjes for the
- 5 Defendant.
- 6 THE COURT: I'll hear your argument if you'll talk
- 7 slower than you did last time.
- 8 MR. WIETJES: Deal.
- 9 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 10 MR. WIETJES: So we -- we see this, Judge,
- 11 similarly to I think how the Court is viewing it, at least
- 12 based on the -- the questions of the Court, that what
- 13 they're really doing here is conflating two things.
- 14 One, the definition of a POSA, which has not been
- 15 ruled upon or decided by the Court or otherwise with what
- 16 level of skill in the art one would have to have to be a
- 17 POSA.
- And our position is no matter how the person of
- 19 ordinary skill in the art is defined, the question of
- 20 whether Dr. Michalson or anyone else meets that definition
- 21 is a fact question. The -- the case -- that's what the
- 22 case law tells us.
- 23 And so when -- when they're saying that
- 24 Dr. Michalson is not a POSA in their -- under their
- 25 definition, which we don't agree with, and, therefore, he's

- 1 not qualified in this case, we think they're really
- 2 short-circuiting this analysis in terms of whether or not
- 3 he's qualified.
- 4 He's clearly qualified to offer the opinions that
- 5 he's offered. All of his opinions relate to computer
- 6 processing and the things that we've been discussing.
- 7 He doesn't offer a single opinion or any opinions
- 8 related to a new or a novel check processing system in the
- 9 banking sense or in the financial sense.
- 10 What they seem to be arguing is that to be an
- 11 expert in this case, you have to have some heightened
- 12 banking experience or some heightened financial experience
- 13 that would enable you to offer these opinions.
- 14 Those are not the kinds of opinions that
- 15 Dr. Michalson is -- is offering here.
- 16 Further, Your Honor, I think if you -- if you look
- 17 at the -- the totality of everything that -- that's been
- 18 briefed on this, we do think Dr. -- Dr. Michalson has
- 19 familiarity with check processing. We've submitted at
- 20 least several examples of that.
- 21 And, further, PPS Data has not told us what
- 22 familiarity with check processing even is. So there's not
- 23 a standard in place for the Court to say, okay, on one end
- 24 of the spectrum, someone has such familiarity, and on the
- 25 other end of the spectrum, they do not. They're just

- 1 making the conclusion that Dr. Michalson has no such
- 2 familiarity, again, under their own definition of what they
- 3 think the person of ordinary skill in the art is.
- 4 If you look at the -- the individuals that have
- 5 been involved in the development of these systems, that's
- 6 also enlightening. They're -- the inventors of the
- 7 asserted patents, the testimony we've cited to, show that
- 8 their expertise was not in banking or in financial services
- 9 in the sense that -- that they're talking about. They were
- 10 computer programmers. They were involved with writing code
- 11 and those types of things.
- 12 Similarly, Mr. Brad Quinn. Mr. Quinn is employed
- 13 by Jack Henry. Mr. Quinn is the architect of the accused
- 14 systems in this case. He developed them. He -- he wrote
- 15 the code for those systems. Mr. Quinn has testified that
- 16 he knows very little about banking.
- 17 And so it begs the question, Your Honor, if -- if
- 18 the systems that they say are infringed in this case, if
- 19 the developer and the architect of those systems would not
- 20 even be a person of ordinary skill in the art, then you
- 21 start to wonder where the similarities actually lie and how
- 22 close these -- these systems are to the accused patents if
- 23 the -- if the person that developed them and -- and wrote
- 24 the code for them wouldn't even be a person of ordinary
- 25 skill in the art.

- 1 So there are a lot of guestions at the factual
- 2 level regarding Dr. Michalson's familiarity with electronic
- 3 check processing that need to be answered in this context.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, counsel.
- 5 Mr. Saba, I'll give you a brief rebuttal if you
- 6 want one.
- 7 MR. SABA: Your Honor, I'll make three quick
- 8 points.
- 9 The first is Jack Henry has said that
- 10 Dr. Michalson doesn't offer any opinions specific to the
- 11 banking sense. That's -- I would say the opposite is true.
- 12 The majority of his opinions are about banking, MICR
- 13 capture systems, what was known in the art. For
- 14 non-infringement, same thing, whether a MICR capture system
- 15 exists, whether a float processing system exists. These
- 16 are all about banking.
- 17 The second is what level of familiarity? Some,
- 18 any, would -- would be sufficient above any of the rest of
- 19 us with a checking account.
- The Court need not decide that right now. In
- 21 fact, the Court could just decide that these patents are
- 22 directed to the relevant field of electronic check
- 23 processing. And under that standard, I think what you just
- 24 heard is Dr. Michalson doesn't have that experience.
- 25 And the last one is on the inventors, and we noted

- 1 this -- saw this in their sur-reply, that the inventors are
- 2 somehow computer programmers. That's entirely false.
- 3 The lead inventor, I don't believe, is a formal --
- 4 formally trained computer programmer at all. He's worked
- 5 in the -- the banking industry for his entire career.
- 6 The same is true as -- of the second inventor.
- 7 He's been in banking industry, worked for banks, worked on
- 8 coin sorters, and then MICR capture reader sorters for his
- 9 entire career. That is what the Federal Circuit has said
- 10 is significant to the POSA issue.
- 11 And that confirms that this is -- that POSA
- 12 requires electronic check processing which Dr. Michalson
- 13 simply doesn't have.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, counsel.
- One of the primary functions of the jury in any
- 17 trial is to consider, judge, and determine the weight and
- 18 credibility of each and every witness. The Daubert
- 19 process, in the Court's view, is to ensure that someone
- 20 wholly unqualified does not attempt to give an opinion as
- 21 an expert.
- It is not a process by which the Court should
- 23 supplant the jury's function of determining the credibility
- 24 of the witnesses and determining the weight to give to the
- 25 evidence that they've offered after they have endured the

- 1 process of careful and targeted cross-examination.
- I don't think this situation rises to the level of
- 3 being excluded under Daubert. I think there's sufficient
- 4 evidence to find, and the Court finds that Dr. Michalson
- 5 meets the threshold of familiarity, quote, unquote, with
- 6 check processing. And I don't find that there's any
- 7 dispute that he is an expert in the -- in databases and
- 8 computer systems.
- 9 And, finally, I think it's pretty clear that the
- 10 Plaintiff's attempts to hire him themselves as an expert
- 11 for the same purpose in this case undercuts their argument
- 12 that somehow now he's so wholly unqualified that he should
- 13 be precluded from offering any testimony at trial at all.
- 14 I'm going to deny the Plaintiff's motion.
- 15 Also, counsel, before we move on to the next
- 16 dispositive motion, during the last recess, I did check,
- 17 and Plaintiff's counsel is right, Mr. Hyland did petition
- 18 the Court to withdraw. It was done in conjunction with
- 19 other matters, and it doesn't show up on the docket sheet
- 20 as a stand-alone motion, therefore, that's why I missed it,
- 21 but I'm satisfied that he's properly out of the case.
- 22 Also, the Court requires that the parties submit
- 23 for the Court's consideration a joint proposed jury charge
- 24 and verdict form. That means a single document where you
- 25 agree on certain portions of it, and areas where you don't

- 1 agree, you set out the Plaintiff's position and the
- 2 Defendants' position side-by-side so that it's easy for me
- 3 to see where you disagree. You haven't done that.
- 4 Plaintiff submitted their own stand-alone charge
- 5 and verdict form. Defendant submitted their own
- 6 stand-alone charge and verdict form.
- 7 You all are going to have to comply with the local
- 8 rules of this Court and the standing orders of this Court
- 9 or I'm going to end up doing some things that I shouldn't
- 10 have to do.
- 11 You're going to submit, and I am ordering that you
- 12 submit, a jointly proposed final jury instruction and
- 13 verdict form as required by the Court's practice not later
- 14 than 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. There's no reason I have to go
- 15 back and tell you to do that. There's no reason I have to
- 16 go back and tell you to file public redacted versions of
- 17 the sealed documents. That is sloppy lawyering on both
- 18 sides, and it needs to stop.
- 19 Consider yourselves warned. If I see this
- 20 continued kind of practice going forward, I'll do more than
- 21 give you a warning and an opportunity to cure it.
- 22 All right. Next is Plaintiff's motion to strike
- 23 portions of Dr. Michalson's expert report, Document 78.
- And I'll hear from the moving Plaintiff on this.
- MR. SON: Anthony Son for PPS Data.

- 1 THE COURT: Go ahead, counsel.
- 2 MR. SON: Your Honor, the motion to strike
- 3 Dr. Michalson's opinions, there are four parts to it.
- 4 The first two parts that I'll address deals with
- 5 non-infringement issues. The first part had to do with
- 6 source code. Jack Henry did not produce source code to
- 7 PPS Data during the course of this case. They did
- 8 identify, pursuant to Rule 3-4(a), that there are source
- 9 codes that are relevant to the operation of their products,
- 10 but they didn't produce any of the copies of any portion of
- 11 the source code that their expert had requested and that
- 12 they have provided to their -- to their expert during the
- 13 fact discovery phase of this case.
- 14 They -- they argue that, well, we told you that
- 15 they were available. Why don't you go take a look -- look
- 16 at them?
- 17 PPS Data did not need the source code and rely on
- 18 the source code to be able to establish infringement in
- 19 this case based on their witness testimony, based on the
- 20 documentation that they had -- already produced.
- 21 What is relevant and important here for
- 22 determination of this motion is that we asked them in an
- 23 interrogatory to identify your non-infringement contentions
- 24 and identify what documents or things that you have that
- 25 will support your non-infringement contentions.

- 1 Notably missing from their response are any
- 2 mention of source code. They didn't highlight the fact
- 3 that they were going to rely on source code as part of
- 4 their non-infringement defense, that they didn't -- it's
- 5 not a piece of document that they otherwise had already
- 6 provided.
- 7 So we didn't go -- go in with respect to this
- 8 motion to complain about other documents that they -- that
- 9 they produced copies of but they didn't specifically
- 10 identify in response to the interrogatory.
- Our complaint here is that -- was something that
- 12 they said that, you know, we would have to come and
- 13 inspect. They did not identify that as something in
- 14 response to the interrogatory where we specifically asked
- 15 them what documents in evidence do you have to support your
- 16 non-infringement contentions?
- 17 The first time we've learned about the reliance on
- 18 the source code was the connection with their rebuttal
- 19 expert report, and they do so to try to get around some of
- 20 what their -- their admissions that were -- that were
- 21 obtained during deposition and in -- in the documents.
- Moving on to their non-infringement theories. In
- 23 the same interrogatory, they identify several pieces --
- 24 several categories of how they do not infringe. They do
- 25 not identify two non-infringement theories that

- 1 Dr. Michalson then opines on.
- 2 The first one we identified in our motion for
- 3 sum -- or, I'm sorry, in our motion had to do with that
- 4 there's no transmission of any data to a bank of first
- 5 deposit for these non-banking customers. This goes back to
- 6 that motion for summary judgment that Your Honor just heard
- 7 testimony about.
- 8 They did not make a distinction in their response
- 9 to the Interrogatory No. -- in response to Interrogatory
- 10 No. 5 between banking and non-banking customers. They
- 11 didn't -- that just never was present.
- We've been prejudiced by that clearly, as you've
- 13 see now from the -- from the testimony -- from the argument
- 14 related to the motion for summary judgment of infringement.
- The second non-infringement theory that was not
- 16 disclosed but was discussed by Dr. Michalson is what I call
- 17 the push versus pull transmission of bank of -- to the bank
- 18 of first deposit.
- 19 What that deals with is that -- is Jack Henry's
- 20 non-infringement defense that they do not transmit to the
- 21 bank of first deposit but rather the bank of first deposit
- 22 goes to Jack Henry and gets the data that way.
- Our expert has already opined on -- on this that
- 24 it doesn't matter one way or the other. It is the same --
- 25 it is doing the same thing. They're both push -- it is a

- 1 transmission to the bank of first -- first deposit.
- 2 But that is still, nonetheless, a non-infringement
- 3 theory that they are -- that Dr. Michalson is advancing in
- 4 his expert report that was not disclosed to us in their
- 5 interrogatory responses.
- 6 Moving on to the third item which is anticipation.
- 7 There are two parts of this anticipation in our motion.
- 8 One has to do with the '430 patent, and their
- 9 disclosure of Archarya, a prior art reference, and whether
- 10 they can rely on Archarya as being anticipatory for any of
- 11 the claims of the '430 patent.
- 12 Dr. Michalson includes Archarya as an anticipating
- 13 reference. There is no dispute here and they acknowledge
- 14 in their response that their -- Jack Henry's invalidity
- 15 contentions does not identify Archarya as an anticipatory
- 16 reference for any of the asserted claims.
- 17 What they argue is that they complied with the
- 18 3-3(a) and 3-(c) -- (c) -- 3-3(c) requirements for
- 19 identifying the prior art and for providing a chart of the
- 20 prior art.
- But what they did not comply with was the 3-3 (b)
- 22 requirements and identify the specific claims that are
- 23 anticipated by the Archarya reference, at least with
- 24 respect to the '430 patent.
- 25 Similarly, with respect to the '106 patent, Jack

- 1 Henry's invalidity contentions identified only Lowrey and
- 2 Gregorie as two prior art references that anticipate any of
- 3 the asserted claims of the '106 patent.
- 4 They did chart and identify numerous other prior
- 5 art references, but in compliance with 3 -- the
- 6 requirements of 3-3(b), they only relied on Lowrey and
- 7 Gregorie.
- 8 But in Dr. Michalson's opening report on
- 9 invalidity, he also opines that they are invalid for five
- 10 other references but definitely not and specifically not
- 11 Lowrey or Gregorie. He never once discusses Lowrey or
- 12 Gregorie in -- in his invalidity opinions.
- Now, in response to our motion, Jack Henry says,
- 14 but we -- Dr. Michalson incorporated by reference our
- 15 invalidity contentions, and, therefore, he should be
- 16 permitted to -- permitted to testify with respect to Lowrey
- 17 and Gregorie, even though he never provided any opinions
- 18 with respect to Lowrey and Gregorie and never said that
- 19 Lowrey and Gregorie are anticipatory.
- 20 And then, finally, with respect to obviousness, in
- 21 the invalidity contentions that Jack Henry served, they
- 22 identified obviousness with the boilerplate statement with
- 23 respect to each and every patent that simply stated that
- 24 the obvious -- that all the prior art references that they
- 25 identify either in the charts or within the contentions

- 1 that are not charted may be combined with any other
- 2 reference.
- 3 They didn't provide a specific motivation to
- 4 combine. They didn't provide -- they did not discuss which
- 5 elements of which of these references would be used. They
- 6 didn't identify which primary reference and then which
- 7 secondary reference would be used for those elements. That
- 8 is not in compliance with this Court's jurisprudence on
- 9 3-3(b).
- 10 You cannot in this Court as a Defendant simply
- 11 identify a laundry list of prior art references and state
- 12 that you can combine any of them. You, patentee, go figure
- 13 it out.
- 14 So we believe that based on their disclosures in
- 15 their invalidity contentions which failed to identify
- 16 their -- the specific anticipation defenses and did not
- 17 identify any obviousness combination, along with their --
- 18 their responses to our interrogatory related to invalidity
- 19 contentions that Dr. Michalson should be stricken from
- 20 testifying with respect to those contentions that he did
- 21 not -- that were not disclosed.
- 22 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, thank you for
- 23 your argument.
- Let me hear a response from Defendant. Let's take
- 25 them in the same four order.

- 1 MR. ALEXANDER: Randy Alexander on behalf of
- 2 Defendant, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 4 MR. ALEXANDER: Your Honor, I think the
- 5 overarching thing that I would like to present to the Court
- 6 here is that a lot -- these issues brought to you are
- 7 essentially an end run around discovery issues that --
- 8 that PPS Data is now taking issue with well beyond the time
- 9 with which they should have brought this -- these issues to
- 10 Jack Henry had they had these issues with -- with these
- 11 issues.
- But I will take them in turn. With respect to the
- 13 source code, Your Honor, the parties agreed to the entry of
- 14 a protective order in this case, and that protective order
- 15 outlines the procedures with which source code in this case
- 16 would be inspected by the party, and once inspected, if --
- 17 if production was requested, there are procedures there.
- 18 The parties agreed to this -- to this protective order.
- 19 Subsequently, Jack Henry identified that its
- 20 source code and its -- and its invalidity contentions under
- 21 3-4(a), identified its source code as having this
- 22 operational disclosure for the accused products.
- 23 And then in response to Interrogatory 5, which is
- 24 the contention interrogatory that PPS Data complains that
- 25 we do not -- we did not include our source code as a basis

- 1 for our non-infringement, what I would -- what I would say
- 2 there, Your Honor, is, firstly, we -- we did provide
- 3 objections and reservations there, those objections being
- 4 that it was premature -- the -- the contention
- 5 interrogatory was premature at the time, directed to
- 6 expert -- directed to subject matter that was more subject
- 7 to expert testimony, and -- and also that we reserved the
- 8 right to submit those expert reports at a specific time in
- 9 this case under the Court's scheduling order.
- Beyond that, Your Honor, we also stated that the
- 11 accused products do not infringe because they do not meet
- 12 each and every element of the claimed invention.
- 13 Certainly, this is a software case here, so source code, we
- 14 would expect, would be at issue.
- For us, we had our -- we wanted to make sure that
- 16 our expert was apprised of those issues, and once he
- 17 requested them, of course, he -- he took the -- took the
- 18 time to review them.
- We let them know that we do not believe that we
- 20 infringed because we didn't meet all these elements.
- 21 And beyond that, we then incorporated by reference
- 22 our invalidity contention into the Interrogatory 5 response
- 23 wherein in the invalidity contentions, we had said the
- 24 source code provides further operational disclosure as to
- 25 these accused instrumentalities.

- 1 Now, Your Honor, I'd also point out that PPS Data
- 2 said that -- essentially they've admitted that they are not
- 3 prejudiced by this issue. They have claimed that they're
- 4 okay with their infringement case here, that they don't
- 5 need the software, that they can go beyond that.
- 6 So to the extent that -- that this was an issue,
- 7 they're not prejudiced by it. But, again, when we made
- 8 these disclosures, they never once requested to inspect
- 9 them. They know this is a software case. There's code
- 10 that's at issue underlying these -- these claims.
- 11 Moving on to the --
- 12 THE COURT: Let me hear about the non-infringement
- 13 contentions.
- 14 MR. ALEXANDER: I'm sorry, Your Honor?
- 15 THE COURT: Let me hear about the non-infringement
- 16 contentions, the second issue.
- 17 MR. ALEXANDER: The second issue with regard to
- 18 the transmission elements?
- 19 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. ALEXANDER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 21 So similarly, Your Honor, there -- Interrogatory
- 22 5, which, again, was directed to their non-infringement --
- 23 non-infringement -- or our non-infringement positions,
- 24 we -- again, those -- as I explained earlier, we provided
- 25 those objections and reservations as to the expert

- 1 testimony to which they made no challenges at the time.
- 2 And beyond that, we disclosed generally and specifically
- 3 Jack Henry's positions which we believe provide the
- 4 foundation for Dr. Michalson's testimony on these issues
- 5 for the transmission patent.
- 6 Generally, again, we point to the fact that the
- 7 accused instrumentalities do not meet the all elements
- 8 rule. They do not meet each and every element of the -- of
- 9 the claims asserted against Jack Henry.
- 10 Beyond that, Jack Henry specifically stated that
- 11 the -- that the accused instrumentalities do not
- 12 transmit the -- transmit as required by the claims, and
- 13 that they do not transmit to the bank of deposit and
- 14 the first -- and -- and the federal -- the maker bank and
- 15 the Federal Reserve.
- So, again, we believe that those do provide the
- 17 foundation for Jack Henry's non-infringement positions for
- 18 Interrogatory 5 with respect to this issue.
- 19 And, again, there was no challenge to those. So
- 20 to the extent that they were not satisfied by those answers
- 21 or that they sought more detail as to how they wanted us to
- 22 explain them, they -- they never reached out to us and
- 23 asked us to supplement or that they were deficient in any
- 24 way.
- 25 And even if the discovery order did require the

- 1 level of detail to which they're saying is required at this
- 2 point, I think it goes to show you how the -- how they kind
- 3 of laid behind the log here and then just waited until
- 4 later in the case to say, oh, well, you didn't explain it
- 5 in detail now, so we're seeking to exclude it.
- 6 We don't believe that that's appropriate to -- to
- 7 do that in this case, Your Honor.
- 8 Moving on to the next issue with regard to the
- 9 anticipation prior art that Dr. Michalson includes in his
- 10 report. I'll take the -- the '430 patent first, and
- 11 specifically that's the one where -- relating to the
- 12 Archarya reference.
- 13 There, Your Honor, we -- we believe that -- that
- 14 we have put PPS Data on notice here. With -- Archarya is a
- 15 prior art reference that's -- that's part of this case.
- 16 There were five -- at the time, there were five patents
- 17 asserted.
- 18 Across those five patents, Archarya was cited as
- 19 anticipatory reference in the claim charts for those
- 20 contentions. It's -- it's not new art. It was cited there
- 21 and included in the claim charts with respect to each
- 22 element and how it -- Archarya did not anticipate as to
- 23 those patents.
- Now, Dr. Michalson, when reviewing our invalidity
- 25 contentions, he's -- though our initial thought that

- 1 possibly Archarya might not have meet -- met all these
- 2 elements, Dr. Michalson said: Well, wait a minute, I think
- 3 that Archarya would go here for the '430 patent. And he
- 4 did include it in his expert report.
- 5 I'll -- I'll admit, Your Honor, it is not listed
- 6 in the invalidity contentions specifically in the body to
- 7 say Archarya anticipates Claim X, Y, Z. But we do believe
- 8 that there is -- that they were provided notice of this
- 9 reference specifically with reference to the additional
- 10 patents in the case here, not the '430, that the patent
- 11 itself wasn't new, and that there's no -- there's no
- 12 prejudice to -- to their expert having known what the prior
- 13 art was that it was being assert -- that it was being
- 14 addressed in the context of patents that were very similar.
- And similar arguments go for the '106 here and --
- 16 go for the '106 patent and the references, the Phillips,
- 17 the Jones, Slater, Geer '258, and the Archarya. Again,
- 18 those references were cited not for the '106 specifically
- 19 in the body.
- I will tell Your Honor it was not specifically in
- 21 the body of the invalidity contentions, but they were
- 22 included in the -- in the exhibit specific to that patent
- 23 and listed for nearly all the elements of that patent, even
- 24 though they weren't listed in the body of the claim.
- 25 And, again, those prior art references were

- 1 asserted as anticipatory references against the other four
- 2 patents that were asserted at the time.
- 3 To the extent that -- that Dr. Shamos could not --
- 4 once Dr. Michalson disclosed his opinions as to those
- 5 anticipatory references, to the extent that Dr. Michalson
- 6 had a problem to review and analyze that, it is a little
- 7 bit incredulous because they're not -- they weren't -- they
- 8 weren't new. The claims are similar. The patents are
- 9 similar. It's something that he could have done.
- 10 And not only that, the issue wasn't raised at the
- 11 time Dr. Michalson had served his report. Only now, you
- 12 know, at the very -- at the very end when the dispositive
- 13 motions are being filed is this -- is this issue brought to
- 14 us. So it's a little bit -- we feel a little bit
- 15 disingenuous to think that they're prejudiced here.
- With respect to the Gregorie and the Lowrey
- 17 references that Dr. Michalson does use against the '106
- 18 patent, Dr. Michalson did incorporate by reference his --
- 19 the invalidity contentions into -- into his expert report.
- 20 So we do believe that he does have basis to expound upon
- 21 those to the extent that these others are excluded.
- 22 PPS Data would have you believe -- would have you
- 23 say that you cannot incorporate an expert report by
- 24 reference in your invalidity contentions, but likewise,
- 25 you're not able to incorporate by reference in your expert

- 1 report your invalidity contentions.
- With respect to the prior art combinations, again,
- 3 those -- those pieces of prior art were all identified and
- 4 charted in the exhibits to the contentions.
- 5 The -- the main body of the contentions notified
- 6 that these -- that the references included in the
- 7 contentions could be combined with the additional
- 8 references charted therein, and -- and that a person of
- 9 skill in the art would have been motivated -- would have
- 10 known that -- that you could have made those com --
- 11 combinations.
- 12 PPS Data states that, well, there's this mountain
- 13 of all these combinations that -- that are out there in
- 14 this case at this point. Well, it's -- it's a little bit
- 15 of a product of their own making.
- The patents themselves contain 10 pages of prior
- 17 art references, 300 odd non-patent publications that are
- 18 listed in there that -- that Jack Henry went through and --
- 19 and determined whether or not these are references that we
- 20 needed to include.
- 21 So we took those, we narrowed it down to I want to
- 22 say something around 32 or so references, and included
- 23 those in our invalidity contentions.
- 24 And because of the voluminous nature of them,
- 25 rather than creating a -- an exhibit that Your Honor might

- 1 be more familiar with with regard to charting a prior art
- 2 reference with respect to a patent, what we did is we
- 3 took -- for Exhibit A, for example, and said for the '430
- 4 patent, we're going to run down each and every limitation,
- 5 and for each and every limitation, we're going to include
- 6 in that limitation where in the -- in each -- in each
- 7 respective prior art where applicable that limitation is.
- 8 So you -- you could look at the chart and say, all
- 9 right, for Claim 1, Element 1, you've got Patent X, Y, and
- 10 Z.
- 11 For -- for the second element, you might have X,
- 12 Y, and then the third element, X, Y, Z. Well, you would
- 13 know it'd be a combination and which of those would be the
- 14 prior -- or the primary and secondary references because
- 15 they were listed first almost every time for the -- for the
- 16 charts.
- 17 There -- we don't believe that there was any
- 18 guesswork there. It's more of Jack Henry not going through
- 19 the ministerial act of saying, here's exactly how you would
- 20 read these charts, when we felt that those charts were --
- 21 were enough to notify of what those combinations were based
- 22 on how we presented it in our invalidity contentions.
- 23 And Michalson -- Dr. Michalson in his expert
- 24 report, he doesn't -- he doesn't include anything in his
- 25 expert report that's not charted that -- that wouldn't be a

- 1 combination that's not listed in those exhibits, the
- 2 invalidity contentions. There's no prejudice there.
- 3 The -- we -- Dr. Michalson narrowed it down to a
- 4 handful of -- I want to say five -- prior art references
- 5 where he's using those com -- those references in
- 6 combination -- in stand-alone or combinations for
- 7 invalidity purposes.
- 8 And, again, knowing that we stated in our
- 9 invalidity contentions that these -- the references
- 10 included in those charts would be -- they're combinations,
- 11 you know, subject to our -- our position there, not once
- 12 did PPS Data say, hang on, wait a second, this is too much,
- 13 we want you to stop. We think -- we think that you should
- 14 go through the -- the ministerial act of letting us know
- 15 what these are.
- It's only, again, until now at this very last
- 17 moment in this case where they want to say, hey, no, you
- 18 can't do that. We may not have caught it earlier, but
- 19 we're catching it now. And you can't -- you can't --
- 20 we're -- we're going -- we're going to say that we're
- 21 prejudiced by it.
- But, again, Dr. -- there is no prejudice because
- 23 Michalson -- Dr. Michalson narrowed it down to -- to a
- 24 relatively few number of those prior art references.
- 25 Your Honor, I think at this time, that's all I

- 1 have.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. Let me see if Plaintiff
- 3 has a brief rebuttal.
- 4 Anything further to add, Plaintiff?
- 5 Let me start out by asking a question.
- 6 MR. SON: Yes, sir.
- 7 THE COURT: Defense counsel has basically argued
- 8 that you've laid behind the log, and while they haven't
- 9 complied with the Court's patent local rules on
- 10 disclosures, that you never asked them to fix it. And you
- 11 knew you should have asked them to fix it, and you waited
- 12 until late in the case when it was well beyond time and of
- 13 no real curative effort. And then for the first time, you
- 14 brought up these issues that are in the motion before me.
- 15 I'd like you to respond to that. Have you laid
- 16 behind the log? Did you have -- noticed things needed to
- 17 be fixed when they weren't disclosed in the first place?
- 18 Is this a point in the litigation that's so late in the
- 19 process, it really makes no difference at this point? I'd
- 20 like you to respond to the argument that the Defendant gave
- 21 me in that regard.
- MR. SON: And, Your Honor, for point of
- 23 clarification, are you referring to -- with respect to the
- 24 non-infringement contentions, or are you referring to with
- 25 respect to the in -- invalidity?

- 1 THE COURT: With regard to basically everything
- 2 except the source code issue, I heard Defendants argue you
- 3 never told us that you needed us to supplement, you could
- 4 have, you should have, you didn't, you laid behind the log
- 5 and lulled us into a sense of security, and now late in the
- 6 case, you've pulled this up for the first time, and it's
- 7 not fair.
- 8 That's basically what I heard Defendants argue as
- 9 to the non-infringement, the anticipation, and the
- 10 obviousness issues. Not so much as to the source code but
- 11 as to those other three.
- MR. SON: Well, I -- I think the non-infringement
- 13 issue is the -- exactly the same issue with respect to the
- 14 source code issue because that had to deal with their
- 15 response to the interrogatory, and the -- PPS Data
- 16 certainly had -- should have been allowed to rely on
- 17 what they told us would be their non-infringement
- 18 contentions there.
- 19 Certainly, the parties are always under an
- 20 obligation under Rule 26(e) to supplement -- seasonably
- 21 supplement, and Your Honor's discovery order also requires
- 22 that the parties seasonably supplement to -- to ensure that
- 23 that would be complete and full.
- 24 So I -- I think with respect to that issue, it is
- 25 the same as the source code issue. It's not that -- this

- 1 is not a situation where we were lying in wait and being --
- 2 and feigning surprise at -- at that.
- 3 The first time we learned about this -- those two
- 4 non-infringement contentions was when Dr. Michalson
- 5 provided his expert report -- rebuttal expert report on
- 6 non-infringement. It's not something they had -- they had
- 7 previously disclosed beforehand, nor would we have known or
- 8 know what they were -- why they believing that they were
- 9 non-infringing, other than what they had told us in their
- 10 interrogatory responses.
- 11 So that would be my response with respect to that.
- 12 With respect to the --
- 13 THE COURT: I guess -- I guess -- I guess that
- 14 means, counsel, we can't be expected to tell them to update
- 15 something that we don't know about in the first place. Is
- 16 that, in essence, what you're telling me?
- 17 MR. SON: Correct, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear the rest of
- 19 your argument.
- 20 MR. SON: Correct, Your Honor. And then that's --
- 21 that's the same thing with respect to their anticipation --
- 22 in the invalidity contentions. We -- we're not the ones
- 23 who had to figure out which -- which of these references
- 24 they're going to rely upon as being anticipate --
- 25 anticipatory. And we certainly did not expect that with

- 1 respect to the '106 reference, that we would go beyond --
- 2 that they would -- they would take an entirely different
- 3 anticipation argument than what they -- what they had
- 4 disclosed before to us.
- 5 THE COURT: What else?
- 6 MR. SON: I think that's it, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- 8 With regard to this motion, and particularly
- 9 beginning with the first issue dealing with the source
- 10 code, it's clear to the Court that Jack Henry made the
- 11 source code available for copying and respect -- and
- 12 inspection as is required by Patent Rule 3-4(a). And it's
- 13 clear to the Court that Jack Henry disclosed the source
- 14 code was relevant evidence.
- There's no requirement in the local rules or in
- 16 the rules of evidence that a party must affirmatively
- 17 disclose the specific portions of the source code that it
- 18 may use to support its contentions.
- 19 Consequently, I'm going to deny the Plaintiff's
- 20 motion as to the source code issue.
- 21 And I don't find that the Defendants failed to
- 22 comply with Patent Rule 3-4(a). In fact, I find that they
- 23 did comply with it.
- With regard to the second issue, the
- 25 non-infringement contentions, I find that the Defendant did

- 1 not comply with the local patent rules and did not disclose
- 2 those particular non-infringement positions.
- 3 Having found that they did not comply with the
- 4 local rules, there's a four-factor test the Court should
- 5 consider.
- One, their explanation for not complying; two,
- 7 what level of prejudice the other party would be subjected
- 8 to by their failure to comply; and the importance of these
- 9 matters to the non-complying party's case; and the fourth
- 10 factor being whether a continuance is adequate to cure the
- 11 harm.
- 12 Applying that four-factor test, I find that the
- 13 two specific non-infringement contentions at issue being,
- 14 one, the accused products allegedly do not transmit any
- 15 data to a bank of first deposit or non-banking customers;
- 16 and, two, the accused products allegedly do not transmit
- 17 any data for customers that downloaded files. Applying the
- 18 four-factor test, I do not find that these -- that the
- 19 Defendants' failure to comply with the local rules should
- 20 be excused.
- 21 And I'm going to grant the Plaintiff's motion as
- 22 to those two non-infringement contentions. And those are
- 23 struck as not complying with the local patent rules.
- 24 With regard to the third issue, the anticipator --
- 25 anticipate -- anticipation references at issue, it's clear

- 1 to me that the Defendants did not comply with patent Rule
- 2 3-3. The disclosure is clearly lacking. There is
- 3 prejudice to the Plaintiff. You can't very well argue the
- 4 Plaintiff failed to ask us to amend our contentions when
- 5 the Plaintiff didn't know about these contentions because
- 6 they were never disclosed in the 3-3 disclosure.
- 7 With regard to the importance of these to the
- 8 Defendants' case, there are other anticipation theories
- 9 other than these, both as to the '430 patent and the '106
- 10 patent. Therefore, the importance is not so elevated as to
- 11 excuse their failure to comply.
- 12 I'm going to grant the Plaintiff's motion as to
- 13 the anticipation references. And, consequently, those
- 14 references being Archarya as to the '430 patent is struck,
- 15 and Phillips, Jones, Geer '258, Slater, and Archarya as to
- 16 the '106 patent is struck.
- 17 Lastly, turning to the fourth issue, the
- 18 obviousness combinations, this, to me, is a clear and
- 19 egregious failure to comply with the local patent rules.
- 20 You cannot list multiple invalidating references and then
- 21 say in a simple sentence: And we may combine these in any
- 22 way we want to to form some other invalidating combination
- 23 but you figure it out, we're not going to tell you.
- The entire purpose of the local rule is to require
- 25 specific disclosure of combinations and not put the burden

- 1 on the Plaintiff to figure it out. This is a clear
- 2 violation of the local patent rules, and I'm going to grant
- 3 the Plaintiff's motion in that regard. And those
- 4 obviousness -- all these obviousness combinations that
- 5 could be achieved by Plaintiff figuring out for themselves
- 6 what they might be are going to be struck. This
- 7 effectively is going to strike the obviousness -- excuse
- 8 me, the -- yeah, the obviousness defenses that the
- 9 Defendant would assert.
- 10 It's just a very clear and egregious violation of
- 11 the local patent rules to stick in this boilerplate
- 12 language of anything that we can combine here, we're going
- 13 to assert and we're not going to tell you what it is, and
- 14 you have to figure it out. And to say that Plaintiff
- 15 should have asked you to update and supplement that is --
- 16 quite honestly, that's incredulous in the Court's view.
- So on the source code issue, Plaintiff's motion is
- 18 denied.
- On the non-infringement contentions as specified,
- 20 it's granted.
- 21 On the anticipation references as specified, it's
- 22 granted.
- 23 And on the obviousness combinations, based on the
- 24 wholly inadequate boilerplate catch-all language and a
- 25 failure to specify any specific combinations, the motion is

- granted. 1
- 2 Now, I understand, counsel, that the motion to
- strike portions of Dr. Ugone's report, Document 80 --3
- Docket No. 85 of this case, is live before the Court but 4
- the parties have jointly requested that the Court determine 5
- 6 this based on a review of the papers and will avoid oral
- 7 argument on that. Is that still your positions?
- 8 MR. MAZINGO: That's still our position, Your
- 9 Honor, I believe.
- 10 THE COURT: Is that still Plaintiff's position?
- 11 MR. SON: Yes, it is, Your Honor, and I would go
- 12 one step further.
- 13 THE COURT: I don't need you to go a step further.
- I'll consider it on the papers, and I'll give you a ruling. 14
- 15 MR. MAZINGO: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. There's one other matter I
- 17 want to mention to the parties. It's my understanding that
- 18 Document 80 or Docket No. 80 is effectively moot now
- 19 because it addresses a matter that's been withdrawn in the
- 20 case.
- 21 I want to confirm with the parties that both sides
- 22 agree that that's effectively moot. Is that the
- 23 understanding of both sides?
- Plaintiff, is that your understanding? 24
- 25 Defendant, is that your understanding?

- 1 MR. HEIDRICK: Your Honor, Jay Heidrick.
- Is that the motion to strike Shamos's opinions on
- 3 the '956 patent?
- 4 THE COURT: I believe that's right.
- 5 MR. HEIDRICK: If that is so, then, yes, Your
- 6 Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: You agree with that, Plaintiff?
- 8 MR. SON: Yes, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. Then that's denied as moot.
- 10 All right. Counsel, before we go any further,
- 11 let's take a short recess. The Court will reconvene in
- 12 about 10 or 15 minutes.
- 13 The Court stands in recess.
- 14 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- 15 (Recess.)
- 16 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- 17 THE COURT: Be seated, please.
- 18 Counsel, during the recess, I've reviewed where we
- 19 are on this pre-trial. I know that we have motions in
- 20 limine to take up and the final issue of disputed exhibits,
- 21 which will be pre-admitted in advance of the trial.
- But other than the Ugone matter that I'm going to
- 23 rule on based on the papers, I've heard argument on the
- 24 dispositive motions and have ruled on all of them but for
- 25 the 101 issue, which I've directed you to provide

- 1 additional briefing on.
- 2 What I'm saying in so many words is I do not see
- 3 any compelling basis to go through the remaining MILs and
- 4 exhibit disputes today. There's not really any way that we
- 5 can finish them within the less than an hour that we have
- 6 left.
- 7 Consequently, we're going to bring this pre-trial
- 8 to a close for today.
- 9 I have set aside time beginning at 1:30 on August
- 10 the 26th to reconvene and to complete the pre-trial that's
- 11 outstanding at that point. I'll re-notice the second
- 12 pre-trial -- or I'll notice the second pre-trial for August
- 13 the 26th at 1:30, shortly.
- 14 I am directing that you continue to meet and
- 15 confer, particularly on the exhibit disputes, as well as
- 16 the limine disputes, in the hope that they can be narrowed
- 17 further from where they are now to where they'll be when we
- 18 reconvene on the 26th.
- But given the time that what we've done so far has
- 20 taken this afternoon and what we have before us, it seems
- 21 to me the better part of valor is to reconvene on the 26th
- 22 of August and to let what's happened so far conclude the
- 23 efforts on pre-trial for today.
- 24 So with that, I'm going to order you back on
- 25 August 26th at 1:30.

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In the meantime, the Court stands in recess.
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